

Sleepy Eye Community Education

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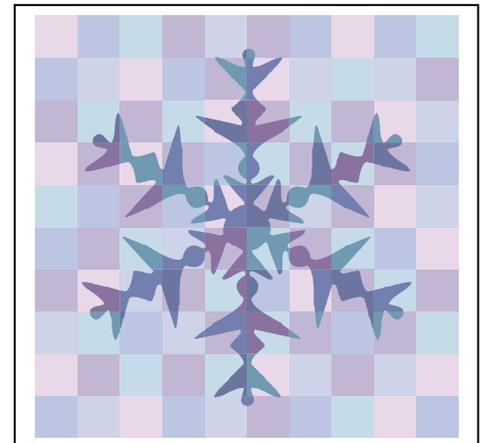
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School day office hours are generally 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. If school is closed due to inclement weather, activities are canceled. If school starts late, evening activities will be held.

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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 ECCE newsletter is also on line and people may register using the links provided.

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 21, 1-5 p.m.
 Monday, February 25, 5:30-9:30 p.m.
 Monday, March 18, 1-5 p.m.
 Monday, April 8, 5:30-9:30 p.m.
 Monday, May 6, 1-5 p.m.

First Time Participant Class

Saturday, March 16, beginning at 8 a.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 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

The **Life-Living Book Series** to be held on three Sunday afternoons in the county. They will be held at the New Ulm Community Center at 2 p.m. and the Springfield Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Programs are free and open to the public. Seating is first come, first served. For more information, call 507-359-8331 or 507-354-6512.

Sunday, January 13 – **Elaine Span**, Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging, will present “Act on Alzheimer’s Community Engagement”; **Theresa Schroeder and Tom Henderson**, Brown County Human Services, will present an overview of National/State rules and requirements for eligibility for assistance programs.

Sunday, January 20- **Mary Cassen**, Catholic Charities-Active Aging Programs for Caregivers, will present options, classes and resources for Caregivers in Southern Minnesota.

Sunday, January 27 – **Rosalys Peel**, Author of the book “Mike & Me” book presentation. “By managing Alzheimer’s at home, Mike and I experienced ten full years of life, love, and laughter together. This book will show you how.” Limited number of books available at New Ulm and Springfield Public Libraries for free and for purchase at the United Way Office, 507-354-6512.



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.

Mt Kato Ski Trip – Sunday, January 20 – Sign up by January 13. The bus would leave from Sleepy Eye High School at 1 p.m. and skiing would be 2-9 p.m. You need to know your weight, height and shoe size for ski rental. If you have equipment, bring it. Fees are:

- Open for all ages
- Children 7th grade and under must be accompanied by an adult
- Lift ticket - \$21 all ages
- Ski equipment or snowboard rental - \$19 all ages
- Snow tube ticket and rental - \$18 for 3 hours, \$15 for 2 hours
- Helmets - \$4
- Lessons - \$4 for all ages
- School bus fare - \$7 per person
- Permission forms available in community ed office.

Cambria/Federal Reserve Bank – Thursday, January 31 - A morning tour at Cambria, known for its countertops, then on to Eden Prairie Mall for lunch on your own. An afternoon tour of the Federal Reserve Bank in Minneapolis to observe how currency makes it way to our local banks, history and structure of the Fed and banking services. Depart 8 a.m., return 5 p.m. Motor coach and tours will be \$35 per person. Sign up by January 14.

Ames Center – The Church Basement Ladies in “You Smell Barn” - **Tuesday, February 12** – From the basement to the barn, your beloved Church Basement Ladies are back and getting busy with life outside the kitchen. After the last hot dish is served, and the coffee pot is drained, these steadfast women head to their homesteads, peel off their good girdles, and get down to the business of picking eggs and dusting their knickknacks. YOU SMELL BARN celebrates rural life in the 1950’s with plenty of crazy antics, loads of fresh laughs, and spanking new original songs. 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 January 11.

Pavek Museum/Mill City Museum – Wednesday, February 27 - Opened in 1988, the Pavek Museum houses a unique collection that allows visitors to experience the origins of the technologies that have connected the world. It is home to the Minnesota Broadcasting Hall of Fame, which honors the

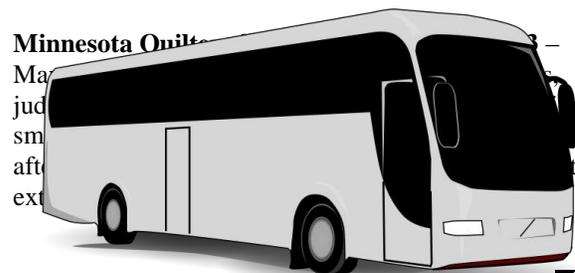
industry’s skilled individuals and preserves the legacy of their careers. The Mill City Museum was built within the ruins of a flour mill. A fun, interactive museum invites all to ride the Flour Tower elevator, experience hands-on fun in the Water and Baking labs and enjoy rooftop views. Depart from Sleepy Eye at 8 a.m. and return by 5:30 p.m. Tour admissions and motor coach would be \$45 per person with lunch on your own. Reservations needed by February 8.

“Mamma Mia!” at the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre – **Wednesday, March 20**. 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! Motor coach, lunch and theater ticket is \$90 per person. Depart from Sleepy Eye at 8 a.m. and return around 5:30 p.m. Register by February 18 for this co-sponsored trip.

Amish at Harmony – Thursday, April 11 – 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 while giving us 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 April 1.

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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: Lay Rescuer/Non-Healthcare Providers CPR Certification on Wednesday, February 20, 6:30-10:30 p.m.; Healthcare Provider's CPR on Wednesday, January 30, 6-10 p.m., and Emergency First Aid Training on Wednesday, February 27, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Check out the Sleepy Eye Ambulance website for online registration.

Adult Basic Education

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SL Classes: January 14-May 31, 2019
) am-1:30 p.m.; Fridays 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Basic Computer Class (FORUMSTAR) offered March 4-April 15 on Mondays, 6-8 p.m. For more information or to schedule an appointment contact: New Ulm Adult Basic Education, 507-779-5827.

Call 507-345-5222 for more information and to register for these options.

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

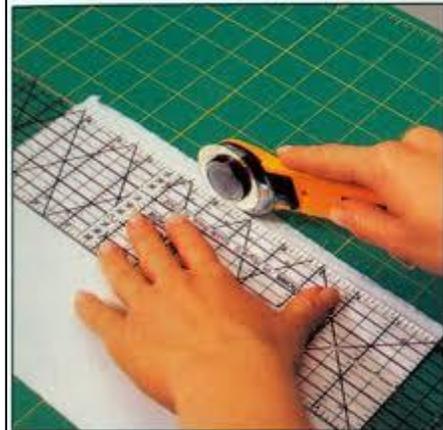
Successful completion of this course will lead to enrollment in South Central College, where you will be provided resources necessary for success in college and the workplace. Please call 507-345-5222 for more information about eligibility requirement and enrollment. Eligible participants must meet academic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



Enrichment Activities

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 19, February 16, March 16 & 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 can be made for \$6.25. Instructor is Patty Haala. Class held at Sleepy Eye School Cafeteria.

Big Ideas – Offerings for anyone 13 and older to learn a new skill that may lead to a career change. Many offerings in New Ulm and watch for local offerings as dates are finalized. Any questions, call 507-794-7873.



*Time to get
crafty!*

Mother/Son Snow Ball!

Sunday, January 27, 2019

3 years to 3rd grade

2:00-4:00 pm

Sleepy Eye Event Center

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

Father/Daughter Sweetheart Soiree

Sunday, February 10, 2019

3 years to 3rd grade are invited

2:00-4:00pm

Sleepy Eye Event Center

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

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)

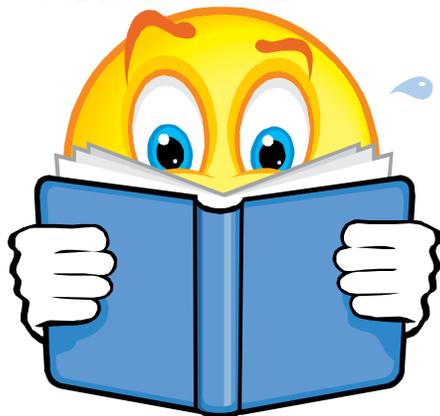
Since parents are the first and most important teachers for their children, all families are welcome in the ECFE program. No one will be denied participation due to inability to pay. Scholarships are available. Classes are held in the ECFE rooms (#318-320) in the Sleepy Eye Elementary School.

Winter term begins mid-January with offerings for all ages of preschoolers. The child's age as of September 1, 2018 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

Literacy Night

Thursday, February 28, 5-7 p.m.
Sleepy Eye Elementary School

Watch for more details!



ECFE Open gyms:

Saturday, January 12,
3:30-5 p.m.

Saturday, February 9,
3:30-5 p.m.

Saturday, March 9,
9:30-11 a.m.

ECFE Classes

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

Two Year Olds on Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30 p.m. beginning February 12 for nine sessions. Fee is \$36.

Mixed Ages (2 1/2-5 years) on Mondays, 9:00-10:30 a.m. or 4:30-6:00 p.m. or 6:00-7:30 p.m. beginning February 4 for nine sessions. Fee is \$36.

Babies (birth to walking) classes on Saturday, January 19, February 9, March 2 and 30, April 13 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Room 320. Free.

ECFE Special Family Events

Kindergarten Transition – Tuesday, January 22, 6-7:30 p.m. – Learn ways you can help your child be better prepared for kindergarten from current teachers. There will also be activities for the children to participate in during the seminar.

Grandparents Day – Saturday, March 16, 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 – Thursday, March 21, 6-7:30 p.m. Create a project with dad or anyone that you want to build with you.

End of the Year Vehicle Fair – Saturday, April 27, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Explore different vehicles up close! Could be tractors, trucks, cars, big and little machinery!

Ladies Night Out – Join others for a night of fun and laughter as we paint a picture together with Carol from Carol's Painting Parties. Friday, January 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Lindahl Room at Sleepy Eye Public School. All materials provided for \$30 plus snacks!

**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.

"**A Midsummer Night's Dream**" will be produced by Prairie Fire Children's Theatre June 3-8, 2019. 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

Thursday, March 7 – 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 – will be sent March 1, June 1 and October 1 each year

Milk Moola labels or lids

Loaves 4 Learning labels

The Sleepy Eye Elementary School also collects

Coke Points

Preschool Opportunities

Registration for 2018-2019 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. Plans are to apply for 2019-2021 school years.

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

Other preschools are available at Grace Lutheran Church, St John's Lutheran School 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 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 9-11 p.m. Sunday, 8-9 p.m.

Youth Hockey: Wednesday, 5:30-7:15 p.m.

Adult Hockey: Wednesday, 7:30-9:15 p.m.

Outdoor ice rink on Burnside St SE

Community Events

Support Local Theatre!

St Mary's High School
March 22, 23, 24, 2019



Community Health Day Saturday, March 23 6:30-9:30 a.m.

Sleepy Eye Elementary School gym/cafeteria
Health Screenings available for a fee: Blood
Analysis (requires a 12 hour fast for most
accurate results.) and TSH screening 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.

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 8, 1-7 p.m.
Sleepy Eye Event Center



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We're on the Web!

See us at:

sleepyeyeschools.com

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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 8

Job Search (3 weeks)

Personality Styles and Interests, Job
Search and Interview Skills, and Resume
Writing
Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m. starting February 19

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 _____

