



Sleepy Eye Community Education

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The Community Education office is staffed part time and office hours vary week to week.
Please email or leave a message when the office is unattended.

Community Education Advisory Council: Joleen Dittbenner, Matt Schmidt,
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Youth Enrichment

If school is closed, activities are canceled.

If school starts late, evening activities will be held.



The Sleepy Eye United Elementary Football program looks forward to offering football to students again this fall! Teams will be separated according to grade level for students entering the following grades this year: 3rd/4th grade flag football, and 5th/6th grade tackle football. Our goal is to have each player experience the excitement of playing football. The game provides student-athletes an opportunity to grow mentally, physically, socially, and emotionally while learning and developing core values, character, and life skills. We had a great season last year, and we hope to continue building on that success again this year!



Fall Classroom Driver's Ed is for students who turn 15 by the end of December and will be held in September and October. Registration forms will be available early September in the high school offices or community education office. Parents can also call and have a registration form emailed to them. Thirty hours are required by the State of Minnesota in order to obtain a driver's permit. Behind the wheel instruction is held during the summer months.

U of M Extension/Brown County 4-H Classes– stay tuned for our fall youth classes! We will post any upcoming classes on our website.

Back by popular demand!



Twisty Workshop

Come join the fun as we twist balloons into magical creations!

We'll create a "mystery object", a playful pup, a mighty sword, and a zany hat.

Then, let your imagination run wild as we create whatever your heart desires. The sky's the limit!

Best for Kids age 7 - 10.

Educational benefits

- ✓ Fine motor skill development and hand-eye coordination
- ✓ Step-by-step learning builds confidence & focus
- ✓ Encourages creativity, patience, and cooperative play

 totallytwistedevents.com

 [Totally Twisted](#)

- Monday, September 21
- Time: 3:30
- Sleepy Eye High School, Room 102

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\$10 fee—students get to take home all their creative masterpieces!

Community Education Adult Enrichment



Tech Buddies

Technology can open doors for elderly adults—helping them stay connected, enjoy entertainment, and manage daily tasks. But for many seniors, keeping up with all the new devices and tools can feel overwhelming. Join us for one (or both) of our **Tech Buddy Workshops!** Work one-on-one with our MN Honor Society Students to ask questions, get help, advice and troubleshoot! No predetermined content—just come with your questions and devices to get the answers you need! **Pre registration is required so we can determine the number of helpers needed! All ages welcome!**

- Dates: Tuesday, September 22 and/or Thursday, November 5
- Where: Room 102 Sleepy Eye High School—enter door #2
- Time: 2:30-3:30 pm
- Free



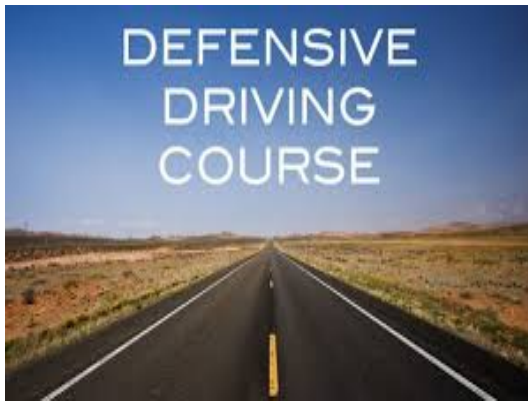
When: Saturday Sept. 26, Saturday, October 17 and/or Saturday November 14
8:00-4:00 pm

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church Basement Fellowship Hall

Fee: \$10 per session

Instructor: Pat Stevermer

Bring your own supplies, sewing machine and dish to pass for potluck lunch.



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. Effective July 1, 2024, the Accident Prevention Course Rule states that the course must be a total of at least 4 hours. This means that a first-time participant can take a 4-hour program as their initial training - the 8-hour program will no longer be a requirement. 8-hour classes will not be offered with a live instructor but it is available online. Classes are held at the Sleepy Eye High School. **Please call and register so we know if we have enough to hold the class and also so we have your contact information in case class gets canceled.**

Cost is \$32 per person.

Bring your driver's license.

Minimum class size is 12 and maximum is 25.

Classes this fall will be offered on the following dates:

Four Hour Renewal Classes:

Monday, September 14 1:00 pm

Thursday, October 8 5:00 pm

Monday, November 9 1:00 pm

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 Rider Courses are held at the Sleepy Eye High School and are limited to 8 riders. The remaining course for 2026 is August 29 and 30; 9 am-4 pm both days. Fee is \$270. More information and registration can be found at RideSafeRideSmart.com

VIP SENIOR CITIZEN ATHLETIC 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 as well as Sleepy Eye United Football games that would be scheduled at St. Mary's Athletic field. 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. Passes are good year to year—no need to get a new one each year.



Minnesota State Fair Charter Bus Trip



Thursday, September 3rd

Charter Bus Fee: \$33 per person

Fair Admission is NOT included.



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Our motorcoach is full. Call to get your name on the waiting list.

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WED | OCT 28 | 1 PM

\$120.00 PER PERSON

(CHARTER BUS, DINNER, & SHOW)





**Co Sponsored by New Ulm Area Community Education
and Sleepy Eye Community Education**

Celebrate the most wonderful time of the year with Sidekick Theatre's heartwarming holiday show. Combining some of the Twin Cities best vocalists with a dynamic band headed up by Brian Pierce, this spirited holiday show blends traditional Christmas songs and contemporary holiday tunes with a distinctly Nashville spin. It's a fun, good old-fashioned country celebration of the holidays filled with great music, laughter and even a chance for the audience to join in and participate.

WED., DECEMBER 2 @ 1PM

★ **TICKET INCLUDES CHARTER BUS, LUNCH, AND SHOW** ★



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Fall Classes

A child's age as of September 1 is used to determine which class to enroll in. We suggest that parents not consider moving their child ahead if s/he has a fall birthday. The teachers take into consideration children's developmental levels when planning activities for each class. When a child is placed ahead, consider that the child will eventually have to repeat an ECFE class before reaching Kindergarten.

To get to the ECFE room: Enter Sleepy Eye Elementary School Door #2 (near the bell). Go west down the hallway, turn left, and go past the gym. ECFE door #320 is the second door on the right. Keep going to the end of the hallway, turn right, and door #318 is on the left.

Babies

Saturdays, 9:30-10:30 am (3 classes)

Class dates: 9/12, 10/10, 11/14

Meet in Room 318

Learn about your child's development while you and your child experience many new and fun activities. Meet with other parents and discuss topics related to parenting babies.

Toddlers and Twos

Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m. (9 classes)

Class dates: 9/10, 9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8, 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12

Meet in Room 320

Come for ideas, motivation, and support to stay ahead of your curious, active child. Have fun learning through various age-appropriate activities. Parents will separate from their child for the last thirty minutes of class during parent discussion time.

All Ages (0-5)

Thursdays, 5:30-7:00 p.m. (9 classes)

Class dates: 9/10, 9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8, 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12

Meet in Room 320

Join us for engaging classes designed to provide ideas, motivation, and support to help you stay ahead of your curious, active child. Through age-appropriate activities like dramatic play, reading, art, and other hands-on learning centers, your child will have fun while learning through play—their most important work. During the last 30 minutes of class, parents will separate for a guided discussion led by a parent educator, offering an opportunity to connect and learn while their children continue to explore and grow.

Special ECFE Family Events

Fall Festival

When: Saturday, October 24th

Time: 2:00-4:00 pm

Where: Sleepy Eye Public School Cafeteria

Cost: \$2 per child/\$5 per family or one food shelf item donation per person

We will be returning to our annual Fall Festival this year! Join us for games, activities, and of course, FUN! ***Come dressed in your full costume, but please, no weapons!***

Mommy & Me-Cooking with Mom

When: Friday, November 6th

Time: 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Where: SE Public School, FACS Room/Cafeteria

Who: Children & Moms/Aunts/Grandmothers

Cost: \$2 per child/\$5 per family or one food shelf item donation per person.

Come and join us as we bake cookies and enjoy a simple supper of pasta. We will meet in the FACS Room in the High School (watch for signs). If Mom is working or busy, that's okay! You can bring any one that you want to cook with you.

Open Gym

When: Saturday, November 14th

Time: 9:30-11:00 a.m.

When: Saturday, December 12th

Time: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Where: SE Public School Elementary Gym

Cost: \$2 per child/\$5 per family or one food shelf item donation per person

Family gym time is a wonderful opportunity to let kids run, jump, climb, play ball and so much more. Join us in the Sleepy Eye Elementary gym for some great fun! We appreciate pre-registration in case of inclement weather, so we can contact those who were planning to come.

Holly Jolly Holiday Event

When: Friday, December 11

Time: 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Where: Sleepy Eye Public School Cafeteria

Cost: \$2 per child/\$5 per family or one food shelf item donation per person

Join us for some holiday-themed activities, cookies, crafts, and games.

Brown County Help Me Grow Not all children do the same things at the same ages. If you are concerned about the development of a child less than seven years of age, living in Brown County, call (507) 359-8700 or 1-800-605-4431. The purpose of **Help Me Grow** is to develop coordination between agencies to encourage early identification and services for young children with special needs.

Sleepy Eye High School

PRESENTS:

MAMMA MIA!



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9 at 7PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 at 7PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 at 2PM



TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE

STARTING **SEPTEMBER 21**

AT www.sleepyeyetheater.org

OR AT THE DOOR 45 MINUTES
PRIOR TO EACH PERFORMANCE

Sleepy Eye Dyckman Free Library offerings

345 Main St W - 507-794-7655 - www.sleepyeye-mn.com

Story Time every Thursday at 10 am at the library.

9/8/26 through 9/26/26 - Daughters of the Revolution display at the library

9/30/26 - After School Activity – play with clay at 3:30 pm

10/5/26 – Adult Painting Class with John E at 6 pm

10/19/26 – Adult Painting Class with John E at 6 pm

10/23/26 – Great Pumpkin Event at the library 5-8 pm

10/28/26 – After School Activity – Fairy Dolls at 3:30 pm

11/9/26 – Adult Painting Class with John E at 6 pm

11/16/26 – Adult Painting Class with John E at 6 pm

11/21/26 – Civil War Program at the library at 11 am

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>"

Registration Form

Return to: Sleepy Eye Community Education

400 4th Ave SW

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Name _____

Address _____

City/Zipcode _____

Email _____

Class or Event	Day/date	Fee
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Others ways to register:

- Call 507-794-7873 and leave a message if the office is unattended.
- Email Sandy.brinkman@sleepyeye.mntm.org or Megan.koenigs@sleepyeye.mntm.org