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SLEEPY EYE, MN 56085  
507-794-7873**

## **Winter/Spring 2026**

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.

**If school is closed, activities are canceled.  
If school starts late, evening activities will be held.**

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Watch for updates on our program via Community Education News in the *Sleepy Eye Herald Dispatch*, Community Accent on KNUJ-SAM 107.3 at 8:30 a.m. and *Sleepy Eye Online*. Thank you for your continued support of our programs!

Some topics and information included in this brochure include:

- Youth Enrichment Classes
- Trips and Tours
- ECFE Activities and Events
- Defensive Driving Classes, Motorcycle Safety Training, Behind the Wheel Training

**The following trips are co-sponsored with New Ulm Community Education. Register by calling or emailing the Sleepy Eye Community Education office, or mailing the registration form.**



**Chanhassen Dinner Theatres**  
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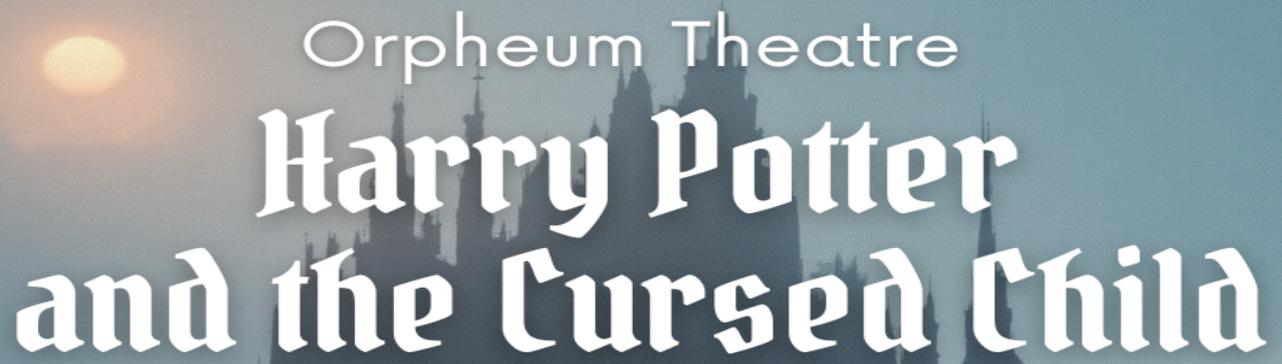
# **GUYS & DOLLS**

**Wednesday, April 15, 2026**  
**1:00pm Show**

**\$115.00 per person - Price includes:  
Transportation, Dinner, and Show!**

Charming but broke gambler Nathan Detroit is short on cash for the biggest craps game in town and the authorities are breathing down his neck. Meanwhile, longtime girlfriend and club performer, Miss Adelaide, is tiring of their 14-year engagement with no wedding in sight. Nathan looks to fellow high-roller Sky Masterson for the cash, and the two concoct a bet for Sky to whisk the straight-laced missionary Sarah Brown off to Havana. Sarah is determined to save the souls of the gamblers, setting in motion a series of events where love and redemption intersect.

**Depart Sleepy Eye at 9:00 am**  
**Sleepy Eye Eagles Park (Baseball Field) 500 7th Ave SW**

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Orpheum Theatre  
**Harry Potter  
and the Cursed Child**

**Saturday, May 9, 2026**

**1:00 pm Show**

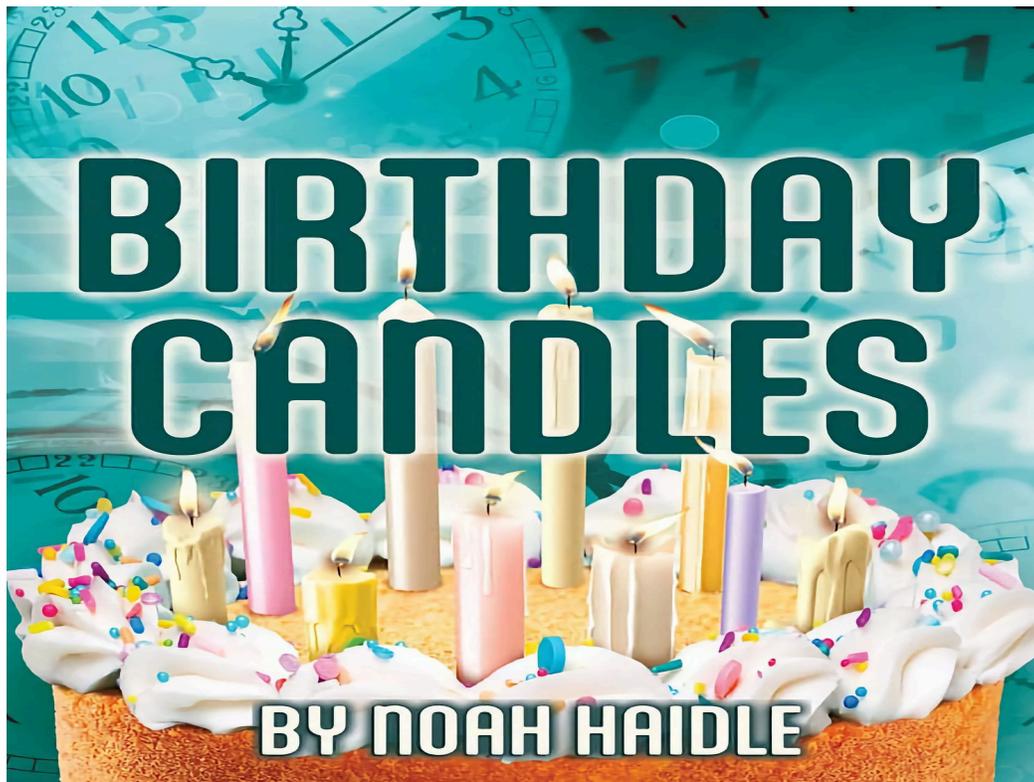
**\$115.00**

**Includes Show Ticket & Charter Bus**

When Harry Potter's head-strong son Albus befriends the son of his fiercest rival, Draco Malfoy, it sparks an unbelievable new journey for them all—with the power to change the past and future forever. Prepare for a mind-blowing race through time, spectacular spells, and an epic battle, all brought to life with the most astonishing theatrical magic ever seen on stage.

**Depart Sleepy Eye at 9:45 am**

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**Sidekick Theatre - Wednesday, May 13**

The ingredients for the cake are simple: eggs, butter, sugar, salt. Look closer, though, and you'll see the essence of life itself. Every year, Ernestine bakes a cake and celebrates with her family on her birthday — a delicious ritual that unfolds onstage across 90 years of birthdays. We meet Ernestine and the people who sweeten her life every year on this day as she grows from 17 to 107 years old. Through glimpses of Ernestine's life as the years go by, *Birthday Candles* tenderly explores motherhood, family, love, loss and finding your place in the universe.

**Noon buffet luncheon, show and motorcoach is \$95 per person.**

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**Sleepy Eye Eagles Park (Baseball Field) 500 7th Ave SW**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>  
1:10 PM**



**MINNESOTA  
TWINS**

**VS**



**KANSAS CITY  
ROYALS**

**\$60 PER PERSON —  
CHARTER BUS INCLUDED**

Seats will be in Section 316, Rows 3-6. ADA compliant seats will be available upon request. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

**3D View from your seats:**

[Click Here To See a 3D View From Your Seats at Target Field](#)

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# Winter/Spring Classes and Activities

**\*\*Please preregister for all classes!\*\***



**Quilting classes are back; but at a new location!**

When: Saturday, January 17, February 21, March 21 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.



**FAMILY OPEN GYM**-Shake off the winter blues and enjoy some active, fun indoors! This open gym is designed for families to move, play, and stay active together—no organized practices or structured sports; just open gym space to enjoy. Whether you want to shoot hoops, toss a ball, or simply stretch your legs, come escape the cold and snow while spending quality time with your family and other community members.

Details:

- \$2 per participant, \$10 family cap
- Open to all ages and family members—please note: all youth must be accompanied by an adult family member.
- Bring your energy and your favorite indoor-friendly games
- Participants bring their own basketballs, etc.
- Tennis shoes required; no outdoor shoes
- Must call and register so appropriate supervision can be determined, along with contact information in case of inclement weather cancellation.

Dates and times:

- Saturday, January 24 1-3 pm
- Saturday, February 7 10:00 am-12 noon
- Sunday, March 8 4:00-6:00 pm.

# Brown County 4-H Sleepy Eye Community Education Program

## **PROGRAM TITLE: 4-H COOKING ADVENTURES**

Join Brown County 4-H for "Cooking Adventures," a fun and tasty afterschool program! Each week features a new theme - from breakfast favorites to global cuisines - while youth learn essential cooking skills like measuring, chopping, mixing, and baking. By the end of the program, participants will have built confidence in the kitchen and discovered the joy of creating meals they can share at home. Participants will leave with their own mini recipe book and apron.

**Dates:** Thursdays, February 19, 26, and March 5, 12, 19, 26

**Time:** 3:15 - 5:00pm

**Location:** Sleepy Eye Public School, FACS Room

**Audience:** Grades 3-7, *minimum = 5 students, maximum = 15 students*

**Cost:** \$35 per participant

Payment in the form of check can be made payable to the *Brown County 4-H Federation*, 300 2nd Ave SW, Sleepy Eye. Cash and checks can be mailed or dropped off at either the Brown County Extension Office (300 2nd Ave SW, Sleepy Eye) OR the Sleepy Eye Community Education Office (400 4th Avenue SW, Sleepy Eye).

**4-H Online Notice:** We require all participants to fill out our 4-H enrollment form for liability purposes. Paper copies will be available from the Community Ed Office, the Brown County Extension Office, the first day of the class, or you can go online to <https://mn.4honline.com> and sign-up under the Club named Sleepy Eye Day Camp.

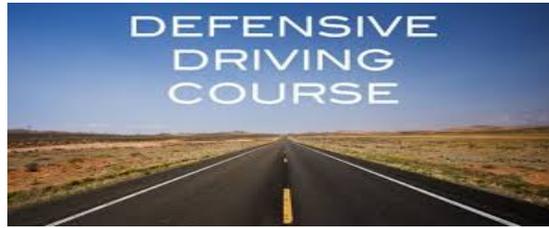


## **United Way Brown County Area**

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

**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 1.5 hour sessions are needed to get a white card.



**DEFENSIVE DRIVER COURSE:** 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 \$30 per person. Bring your driver's license. Minimum class size is 12 and maximum is 25. Classes this spring will be offered on the following dates:

**Four Hour Renewal Classes:**

Thursday, March 19 1:00 pm  
Thursday, April 16 5:00 pm  
Thursday, May 7 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 RiderCourses are held at the Sleepy Eye High School parking lot 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

**2026 class schedule:**

April 18-19, May 2-3, May 16-17, June 6-7, June 13-14, June 27-28, July 18-19, August 1-2, August 15-16  
August 29-30 Classes run 9 am-4 pm both days Fee: \$285

Instructors: Brent & Debby Jass, certified MSF RiderCoaches

More information and registration can be found at [RideSafeRideSmart.com](https://ridesaferidesmart.com)

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Questions? Call Brent at 507-630-0551





## ***Winter/Spring Classes and Special Events***

**A full, detailed ECFE Newsletter is available on the school website.** When registering your child for a class or event, a child's age as of September 1 is used to determine which class to enroll in. Classes have been approved by the Brown County Family Services Center Training Credit for family daycare and foster care providers. Payment for classes should be mailed with registration form, paid the first night of class, or dropped off at the Community Education office located in room 109 in the Sleepy Eye High School. Please register early so teachers have time to prepare for classes.

**Inclement Weather Policy** If school closes early for the day or is cancelled, all afternoon and evening classes are cancelled. We will try to make up any missed classes at the end of the session. Please watch our Facebook page for weekend events if the weather is questionable. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call. *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 a.m.**

Class dates: 1/24, 2/21, 3/21 Meet in Room 320 A special time to meet other parents and discuss topics related to parenting babies. Classes are available to babies who are not yet walking.

### **All Ages (0-5) Thursdays, 5:00-6:30 p.m. (9 classes) *Come when you can, stay as long as you are able.***

Class dates: 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26 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 EVENTS:***

### **Father/Daughter Snow Ball** Sunday, January 25

**Time:** 1:00-2:30 p.m. **Where:** SE Event Center

**Cost:** *ADVANCE* \$10 per couple, \$5 for extra daughter *AT THE DOOR* \$12 and \$7

### **Mother/Son Sweetheart Soirée** Sunday, February 8

**Time:** 1:00-2:30 p.m. **Where:** SE Event Center

**Cost:** *ADVANCE* \$10 per couple, \$5 for extra son *AT THE DOOR* \$12 and \$7

**ECFE Open Gym** Time to let kids run, jump, climb, play ball, and so much more. Join us in the Sleepy Eye Elementary gym for some great fun! **When:** Saturday, January 24; 9:30-11:00 am Saturday, February 21; 9:30-11:00 am **Cost:** \$2 per child/\$5 per family or one food shelf item donation per person.

**Grandparents Day Event** **When:** Saturday, February 14 **Time:** 9:00-10:30 a.m. **Where:** SE Public School, Cafeteria **Who:** Children and their Grandparent(s) **Cost:** \$2 per child/\$5 per family, one food shelf item donation per person. This year, the event will take place in the cafeteria, where we'll gather together for a fun morning of activities, connection, and smiles. Your children will love showing their grandparents some of the special things they do at school and spending time together.

**Daddy & Me-Night with Dad** **When:** Friday, April 10 **Time:** 6:00-7:30 p.m. **Where:** SE Public School, Cafeteria **Who:** Children & Dads/Uncles/Grandfathers **Cost:** \$2 per child/\$5 per family, one food shelf item donation per person. Come and join us as we create a project. We will meet in the cafeteria. If Dad is working or busy, that's okay! You can bring any one that you want to build with you.

**Vehicle Fair-** **When:** Tuesday, May 12 **Time:** 4:30-6:30 p.m. **Where:** SE Public School Parking Lot **Cost:** Free Will Donation Join us for an evening to explore different vehicles up close! We will have tractors, trucks, cars, and machinery!

### **Early Childhood Screening**

It is state law that every child entering kindergarten in a public school has completed a developmental screening. A child can go through screening in the Head Start Program, at Public Health Nursing Services, or come to an Early Childhood Screening. The ECFE program works with county agencies and offers early childhood screening when a child is three to four years of age. We hold screenings once in the fall and once in the spring.

**Spring Early Childhood Screening** is scheduled for Tuesday, February 3, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Email Megan at [megan.koenigs@sleepyeye.mntm.org](mailto:megan.koenigs@sleepyeye.mntm.org) to make an appointment. **What to Expect:** Children will participate in an evaluation of speech, language, and fine and gross motor skills. Social and emotional development, hearing, vision, and height/weight measurement will also be assessed. Parents will meet with a school nurse as well as a family facilitator to complete the screening process. The entire screening typically takes one hour to complete.

#### **Why children should be screened:**

The screening identifies needs that may require special attention before a child enters school.

#### **Screening takes place:**

Sleepy Eye Public School, please enter door number 2, by the bell, and check in at the table.

### **Preschool Registration Open House**

- Join us for our Preschool Open House on Thursday, April 16, from 4:30-6:00 pm, at Sleepy Eye Public School.
- Explore Discovery Time and VPK classes, meet our teachers, and tour the classrooms. We can't wait to welcome you!

# Sleepy Eye Community Theater *Junior* AUDITIONS!



Mark your calendars for: Wednesday May 13 at 6:00 pm and Saturday May 16 10:00am  
More details available in April.

**Sleepy Eye Dyckman Free Library offerings**  
**345 Main St W - 507-794-7655**

[www.sleepyeye-mn.com](http://www.sleepyeye-mn.com)



January 9 at 3:30 pm – MN Author event “Nicholas Lux- A Man of Many Hats” by Sue Weiss Kruger  
January 12 at 6 pm – Adult Rock Painting – winter scene  
January 14 at 6 pm – Adult Acrylic Painting – northern lights  
January 21 at 3:30 pm – Kid’s Rock Painting – snowmen  
February 7 at 10 am – MN Author event “Jews in Germantown” by Vicki Pieser  
February 9 at 6 pm – Adult Acrylic Painting – TBD  
February 25 3:30 pm – After School Program Music with Anna  
March 9 at 6 pm – Ukrainian Egg Decorating Part 1  
March 11 at 6 pm – Ukrainian Egg Decorating Part 2  
March 16 at 6 pm – Adult Acrylic Painting – TBD  
March 25 at 3:30 pm – After School Program Clay Art  
Story Time every Thursday at 10 am and Musical Story Time every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 10 am.

## 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
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### Others ways to register:

- Call 507-794-7873 and leave a message if the office is unattended.
- Email Sandy at [Sandy.brinkman@sleepyeye.mntm.org](mailto:Sandy.brinkman@sleepyeye.mntm.org)