

# Ortonville Community Education

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## Meet Nicole Homan!

I grew up on a farm about 7 miles north of Chokio. I graduated from Chokio-Alberta High School in 2009. From there, I went to North Dakota State College of Science, in Wahpeton, ND, to play softball on their first-ever team. I graduated from NDSCS in 2011 with an Associate of Arts Degree. From there, I transferred to Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, MN to pursue a degree in Elementary Education. I graduated from there in 2014 with a major in Elementary Education and a minor in Special Education. Right out of college I was a long-term substitute in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Last school year, I taught in the Chokio-Alberta School District where I was the math and reading interventionist as well as the 5<sup>th</sup> grade reading teacher.



### Community Education Advisory Council:

- Jim Nelson
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My husband, Anthony, and I live on a farm in Beardsley, MN. Anthony is a plumber and farmer and has the pleasure of working out of our home. We enjoy doing many things together, but a couple of our favorites include: going fishing, playing catch, watching baseball, playing with our dog, Marley, and spending time with our families. We are blessed to have six beautiful nieces and nephews!

I am so excited to be back in the Ortonville school district. In 2014 I was a student teacher under Liz Ketz and had a wonderful experience. When I finished my student teaching experience I told my husband that I would definitely be coming back! I look forward to getting to know my students, their families, my co-workers and community members.

### WANT TO TEACH A COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASS OR HAVE A NEW PROGRAM IDEA?

New program ideas & instructors are always welcome in Ortonville Community Education. Please email [sara.wollschlager@ortonville.k12.mn.us](mailto:sara.wollschlager@ortonville.k12.mn.us) your special skill, talent, hobbies, career experiences, expertise you are willing to share with the community. Classes are flexible because they are built around the needs of the people involved. We strive to provide a quality educational experience for our participants. People make the difference & we WELCOME your ideas!

Search for "Ortonville Community Education" on Facebook and "Like" us for class reminders & updates. From your computer hover over the Liked button and then select "Get Notifications" in the drop box so you see all our updates in your newsfeed.

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*Homecoming  
Week is  
September  
26th-30th*

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## HOW IS YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH? Child & Teen Checkups

Sometimes it is hard to tell if your child or teen has a health problem or is just going through a stage. This preventative program will help keep your children healthy with regular check-ups, health problems will be identified early, and test-

ing for exposure to lead, tuberculosis, and other diseases. It will provide you with information on healthy lifestyles and children and teens can also receive regular check-ups at the dentist.

This program is for children ages birth-21 years

old and enrolled in Medical Assistance or MinnesotaCare. Check ups should be done between birth and 1 month, plus 2,4,6,9,12, and 18 months, plus, 2,3,4,5 and 6 years then every 2 years up to age 21.

## Kids & Canvas Creations

(Ages 8-18)

Join in the fun and create your own canvas painting! Your child will get a canvas and supplies and be guided through the process to create an awesome canvas painting ready to hang on the wall!

Location: OHS Commons  
Date: November 30th  
Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm  
Instructor: Jolene Haller  
Cost: \$26

Here's what you will paint!



## Bridge Lessons

**DATES:** Everyone Monday starting September 19th for 6 weeks

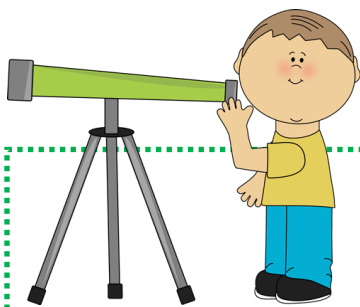
**TIMES:** 6:30 P.M.- 8:00 P.M.

**LOCATION:** Ortonville Community Center

**INSTRUCTOR:** Audrey Tobin

**COST:** \$10

**DESCRIPTION:** Going over the basic rules and play of Goren Bridge. 8 people needed.



# Whats Cooking???

## Easy Make-Ahead Freezer Meals

After a long busy day, it is difficult to prepare a quick healthy meal. Learn about make ahead meal planning and be prepared by cooking five freezer meals!! We will cover tips and tricks for freezer meals, food safety, healthy meals and best of all go home with several dishes, recipes and time-saving meal ideas. Don't let the busy lifestyle lead to poor eating habits: Have a freezer meal ready when life gets busy. Minimum of 8 participants. Bring freezer Ziploc bags to take home 10 meals.

Instructor: Peggy Duffield  
FACS Kitchen, OHS  
Cost: \$50 (includes supply cost)  
Date: November 30, 2016  
Time: 5 - 8 pm

The Ortonville Community Education has 8 small telescopes and one very large telescope available to check-out for any and all community members. Contact the CE coordinator for more details.



## Adult Canvas Creations

Join in the fun and create your own canvas painting! Your child will get a canvas and supplies and be guided through the process to create an awesome canvas painting ready to hang on the wall!

Location: TBD  
Date: October 17th  
Time: 6pm-8pm  
Instructor: Jolene Haller  
Cost: \$30

Here's what you will be painting:





## Pickleball

Pickleball? Yes, pickleball!! And yes, it's a real sport! It's a little tennis, a bit of ping pong, a splash of badminton and fun to say! It's fun, it's easy, anyone can play! Described as one of the fastest growing sports in the nation and among the fastest growing senior sports in the country! Come for some fun & exercise!

**Instructor:** Dennis Pearson, Don Sherman, Warren Wiese

**Location:** OHS Elementary Gym or pickleball court

**Days:** Tuesday's & Thursday's ongoing

**Time:** 6:30pm

**Cost:** FREE



## EARN CASH FOR ORTONVILLE SCHOOL

Look for the pink Box Tops on hundreds of participating products, such as Betty Crocker, General Mills, Green Giant, Ziploc, Pillsbury, Kleenex, Scott, Old El Paso, Hefty, Yoplait, and more. Each is worth .10 for the school. Clip the box tops from the package and send them with an elementary student to school or drop them off in the school office.

The Ortonville School also participates in the Labels for Education program. Clip and save the UPCs from products such as Campbell's, Pepperidge Farm, Prego, V8, etc.



## *Interested in learning how to play Pickleball???*

3 instructors and long-time players of the game are willing to teach anyone who wants to learn the basics/rules of the game on Tuesdays in the month of September starting at 6:30pm. No need to pre-register, just show up!!! Get involved in this fun and easy sport! Location will be at the pickleball court by the athletic field.

## Para Professional Subs Needed

This individual works with special education children on an as needed basis during the school year. Hours are based on your flexibility - \$11.06/Hour - High School Diploma or G.E.D.

Applications are available in the K-12 and District Office or On-line at [www.ortonville.k12.mn.us](http://www.ortonville.k12.mn.us)

Send completed applications to:  
Joel Stattelman - K-12 Principal  
Ortonville School  
200 Trojan Drive  
Ortonville, MN 56278

*We are an equal opportunity employer.*

## Substitute Teachers Needed

The Ortonville School is always in need of licensed substitute teachers. We are looking for individuals who are flexible about scheduling and have a desire to work with students. Since we are in a rural area where there is a shortage of substitute teachers that hold a Minnesota teaching license the Minnesota Department of Education allows individuals with ANY bachelor degree to obtain a short-call substitute license. The Ortonville School currently pays \$102/day for substitute teachers. If you are interested in obtaining a short-call license go the MN Dept of Education website at <https://education.state.mn.us> - Educator Excellence - Licensing - On-line Licensing System. There is a form at the end of the application that requires the superintendent to verify that we have a shortage of teachers in our area. Bring that form to the District Office for the Superintendent's signature. Once you get your license send it along with a completed employment application to Jeff Taylor, Ortonville Public School, 200 Trojan Drive, Ortonville, MN 56278.



## A One Stop Shop for Minnesota Seniors

The Senior LinkAge Line® has trained Specialists who can provide assistance with:

- Medicare
- Prescription Drug Coverage
- Long-Term Care Partnership Insurance
- Supplemental Insurance
- Locating Community Services

Free Monthly Health Insurance Counseling Sites are available the first Wednesday of each month from 1pm-3pm at the Ortonville Library

The Senior LinkAge Line® is sponsoring an educational presentation for Medicare beneficiaries and caregivers. Participants will learn the latest changes in Medicare and how these may affect beneficiaries in Minnesota. The presentation will be held in Ortonville at the **Ortonville Public Library from 10AM to 12PM on Wednesday, November 2nd**. Class size is limited, so call the Senior LinkAge Line® at 1-800-333-2433 to register.

The Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging®, Inc. will once again be assisting Medicare beneficiaries with their 2017 Medicare plan research and enrollment. Trained volunteers will be available by appointment in **Ortonville on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016**. To schedule an appointment call the Senior LinkAge Line® at 1-800-333-2433.



## 212 Senior Driving School- 55+ Driver Enhancement Program

The Driver Enhancement program is an awareness driver safety program intended for the 55+ population. It is designed to be both informative as well as entertaining! The course is interactive with opportunities to refresh and improve driving skills and knowledge. The course is taught by a state certified instructor who will provide the latest vehicle, driver, and traffic safety information, including new technology and adjustments that must occur to compensate for the aging process.

After completion of the course, the participant will leave with a better understanding of the above mentioned topics, as well as receive a 10% discount on auto insurance! There are no tests or assignments, and class attendance will be stress free and an enjoyable experience!

For those who have never enrolled in a class, you will first need to take the 8 hour class. Thereafter, a 4 hour refresher class is all that is required to maintain the 10% discount.

For additional information on this class as well as upcoming class opportunities, contact the instructor at either paulknapper75@gmail.com, or by phone/text at 320-522-2575.

### Upcoming classes:

8 hour first time class—Friday, October 7—5:30-9:30 and Saturday, October 8—9:00-1:00.

4 Hour Refresher Class  
Saturday, October 8—1:00-5:00



### LIBRARY NEWS

- Building Club will be starting on Thursday, September 8 from 3:30 - 4:30. This will be held every Thursday through the school year. Ages preschool through third grade.
- Story time will be held the third Tuesday of each month at 3:30 - 4:30 for all ages. Stories will be read and a craft will be done.
- November 2 - Robert Halbrook - Minnesota's Stately Spirits: Stories, Legends & Tales From Haunted Places at the Ortonville Public Library 7:00 p.m. An interactive theater at its best and is designed to advance literacy in a very creepy way. Guests will learn about some of Minnesota's most renowned haunted places and experience strange phenomena these places seem to share with artifacts that have been retrieved from their sites.
- September 15 - The Library will be doing an Usborne Book sale from 11-6. September is Library Card Signup month so we encourage you to come in and sign up for a library card and at the same time look at the new fall books available from Usborne Books. Any purchases you make will help the Library earn free books.

### Bake and Take

Holiday goodies are true symbols of the season. Take away the time pressure and do your holiday baking in three hours. You will take home approximately 11 dozen varieties. All ingredients are furnished. Bring several containers to hold your goodies. Come ready to bake and have some fun. The class is hands-on so bring an apron. Minimum 8, Maximum 25 participants.

Peggy Duffield  
FACS Kitchen, OHS  
Wednesday, December 7th  
5:30 pm  
\$60 (includes supply cost)

### Make Your Own Chocolate Candies

Learn how to make those delicious candies everyone loves to eat. Participants will then mold their own chocolates filled with caramel and cream centers. You will be able to take home what you create. Save for Christmas presents or enjoy yourself. Either way it will be a fun & creative process. Class is limited to 8 participants.

Peggy Duffield  
FACS Kitchen, OHS  
Tuesday, November 22nd at 5:30pm  
\$27

### Gluten Free Meals for a Healthier You

Clean eating is a term used to describe nourishing your body with whole foods. That means, avoiding processed foods. We'll step into the kitchen and teach you some low-cal, low-carb, and low-fat ways to eat healthier using the Livestrong guidelines. You will make and eat a meal you prepare from scratch. Minimum: 8

Peggy Duffield  
FACS Kitchen, OHS  
Wednesday, October 26th  
5:30pm  
\$22

## Referendum Revenue Authorization



The board of Independent School District No. 2903 (Ortonville Public School) has proposed to increase its general education revenue by \$1,293.41 per pupil. This proposed referendum revenue authorization would replace the school district's existing revenue authorization of \$406.97 per pupil which is scheduled to expire after taxes payable in 2016. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for ten years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

### Building Bonds Levy



The 2017-18 school year will be the last year that the taxpayer will be paying on the building bonds that voters approved back in 1996. After that the school district levy will be reduced by approximately \$703,500. The building bonds were levied over the entire tax base of the district including ag land and seasonal property. **The referendum is not levied on ag land or seasonal property.**

### Who pays?

- ✓ Homestead Residential, Commercial/Industrial, etc. properties are taxed the same based on their specific value
- ✓ Agricultural land is NOT taxed for this referendum
- ✓ Seasonal recreational homes (cabins) are NOT taxed for this referendum unless it is your primary residence.

# ECFE HAPPENINGS

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) is a great opportunity for parents and caregivers to set aside a little quality time with their child to play, have fun learning, and make new friends! Classes are offered each fall and spring for parents/caregivers and their children birth up to kindergarten enrollment. Older siblings are always welcome to tag along. **All ECFE classes are FREE!** For more information, contact Laura Lamb, ECFE Coordinator, at 839-7100 or [laura.lamb@ortonville.k12.mn.us](mailto:laura.lamb@ortonville.k12.mn.us) or become a friend of the Ortonville Early Childhood Initiative on Facebook to get updates on events and activities for families with children 0-5.

Are you new to the community and do you have young kids? Or do you live in the Ortonville School District and recently have a baby or adopt a child 0-5? Let us know you are here! Contact Laura Lamb to get your Welcome Baby home visit and gift, as well as sign up for Imagination Library and make sure you are on our mailing list to get updates about fun activities and events for families with children birth to five.

***Have a little one starting preschool this fall? ECFE classes are a great first school experience! Attending helps your child get used to coming to school, plus parents talk about school readiness, separation, and other useful topics!***

## Family Fun

**Ages:** 2-5

**Times:** 5:30-7:00 p.m. (free light supper served in Commons area beginning at 5 p.m.)

**Dates:** 8 Tuesdays beginning September 27

**Location:** Preschool Room (Door 11)

**Cost:** FREE

Kids in this age group are ready to explore their world and learn all kinds of new concepts! Enjoy learning about a new theme each week through a variety of stories, songs, and engaging activities. Parents and children spend about half of this class together for Circle Time and activities/free play, and then parents separate for the remainder of class. Children have supervised free play while parents discuss topics chosen based on parent input, such as discipline, building social skills, and answering kids' "tough" questions. This class is a great introduction to the classroom and separation for kids who will be starting preschool, as well as a nice opportunity for parents of preschoolers to learn ways to enhance their child's learning at home and get to know other parents.



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## Leap into Literacy

Tuesday, September 20

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Elementary Gym (Enter through Door #1)

FREE and open to ALL families with kids 0-5

Did you know....

Only 50% of Minnesota children enter Kindergarten ready to learn?

Approximately 20-30% of school age children struggle with learning to read?

But did you also know....

A child who is read to just **4.6 minutes per day** is exposed to 282,000 words per year? A child who is read to less than one minute hears only 8000 words per year.

Parent involvement in a child's reading has a huge impact on a child's school success?

Join the Ortonville Preschool and ECFE staff for a fun evening of playing and learning with your 0-5 year old child! We'll start with a pizza party supper- feel free to bring a picnic blanket! Then we will provide a wide variety of fun activities focused on language development and the pre-reading skills your child needs to develop to be successful in Kindergarten and beyond. Each family also gets to pick out a free book to take home! Leap into Literacy is open to any family with children 0-5 (older siblings always welcome!). ECFE registration will be available at this event for families interested in attending regular classes.



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## Tiny Tots

Ages: Birth-24 months

Time: 6:00-6:45 p.m.

Dates: 5 Mondays beginning September 26

Location: Preschool Room (Door 11)

Cost: FREE

This class is full of simple songs, stories and finger-plays to delight the smallest eyes and ears! Class will include a brief Circle Time, simple activities/art projects, and an intro to baby massage and sign language. Parents will also have a chance to discuss and learn about child development and issues such as sleep, nutrition and setting those first limits. This class is a great opportunity to meet other parents of young children and learn some new games to play with your baby.

## Friday Tot Hour

Ages: 0-5

Time: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Dates: 8 Fridays beginning September 30

Location: Preschool Room (Door 11)

Cost: FREE

These children are budding scientists and are just discovering their social side. Parents and children stay together during this class, which includes Circle Time, structured activities/free play and parent discussion. Each week has a theme, and activities are designed to be engaging for toddlers. Older children are encouraged to attend the evening classes, but if this time works better for your family, four and five year olds are welcome as well! More challenging activities are planned for the preschoolers to enjoy. Parent discussion takes place in the same room while children play. Discussion topics are picked based on parent input and may include such topics as discipline, potty training, and school readiness. This class is a great social opportunity for both kids and parents who are ready for a break in the routine.



## **Beginning Digital Photography 1 and Intermediate Digital Photography 2**

**"You don't take  
a photograph,  
you make it."  
-Ansel Adams**

Description: These classes will take part in two separate blocks: September 15<sup>th</sup> through September 29<sup>th</sup> and October 27<sup>th</sup> through November 10<sup>th</sup>.



**Beginning Digital Photography 1** will concentrate on the basics of how your digital camera works and is designed for the BEGINNER to INTERMEDIATE photographer who wants to better understand how their digital camera functions.

The class meets for three consecutive weeks: on Thursdays September 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> and includes two optional weekend workshops.

**Intermediate Digital Photography 2** takes the basic skills that the student learned in the first class and apply that toward improving their photography skills.

The class meets for three consecutive weeks: on Thursdays October 27, November 3<sup>rd</sup> and November 10<sup>th</sup> and also includes two optional weekend workshops.

The courses include one copy of Bryan Peterson's **"Understanding Photography Field Guide: How To Shoot Great Photographs With Any Camera"**.

The participant must have access to their own digital camera where an interchangeable Single Lens Reflex camera and/or an Interchangeable Lens Mirrorless Camera would be preferred.

This class can also be beneficial to students who have advanced "point and shoot cameras" but is NOT intended for students that have access to camera phones only. (If you have any questions about your camera please contact the instructor.)

The four optional weekend workshops are not required and are intended for students who want to have a more "hands on" approach to working with their digital camera.

The class needs a minimum of eight students and is limited to 14 total. The cost is \$110.

### **Community Education**

Ortonville Community Education exists to facilitate the learning and participation of adults so they can improve their lives and our community. We provide opportunities for local citizens, schools, agencies and institutions to become active partners in addressing education and community concerns. Community Education brings community members together to identify and link community needs and resources in a manner that helps people to help themselves and to raise the quality of life in our community.

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#### **Visit Us:**

Ortonville Public School, 200  
Trojan Drive, Ortonville, MN  
56278. Room F109 inside  
Door #3 from 8am-11:30am.  
OR  
<http://www.ortonville.k12.mn.us/page/2536>

### **How to Register, Payments, & Refunds Info:**

- A full refund will be made if Community Education cancels a class. If you have registered for a class and you cancel at least three (3) business days prior to the start of the class, you will receive a full refund of the class fee. You are not eligible for any refund beyond the three day period.
- No-shows are not eligible for a refund.
- A refund may take up to three weeks to process.
- Payment for class fees must be paid directly to the community education coordinator by cash or check **prior** to the start of the class.
- Pre-registration is mandatory for all Community Education classes. Your pre-registration and payment reserves your space in class. Classes fill quickly. Register early!

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