

Pepin Community Education

Winter 2026

It is now possible to register and pay for Pepin Community Education classes with forms on the school website, <https://www.pepin.k12.wi.us/community/>. If you are going to pay on line, please fill out BOTH the registration and payment forms.

Your place in class is reserved when your payment is received. Please pay when you register. Cancellations must be received a week before the scheduled class for a full refund. If the class is cancelled you will receive a full refund.

| CLASS TITLE | DAY | DATE | LOCATION | TIME | COST | MARK YOUR SELECTION |
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| Adult Creative Movement and Dance | Saturday | Jan. 24 | Cafeteria | 10:30-noon | \$10 | |
| Adult Creative Movement and Dance | Thursday | Jan. 29 | Cafeteria | 6-7:30 | \$10 | |
| Positive Parenting Program | Tuesday | Feb. 3 | School Library | 5:30-7:00 | N/C | |
| Swing into Spring (swing dance) | Wednesday | Feb. 4 | Cafeteria | 6-7:30 | \$10 | |
| Movie Night-Little House Homecoming | Thursday | Feb. 5 | School Library | 6-7:30 | donation | |
| Infinity Cards for Valentine's Day | Monday | February 9 | Home Ec Roor | 6-9:00 | donation | |
| Swing into Spring (swing dance) | Wednesday | Feb. 11 | Cafeteria | 6-7:30 | \$10 | |
| Tai Chi Qi Gong for Self Help at Home | Thursday | Feb. 12 | Home Ec Roor | 6-7:30 | \$10 | |
| Mexican Home Cooking-Chile Rellenos with Beans... | Saturday | February 21 | Home Ec Roor | 11:00-2 | \$30 | |
| Potsticker Variations | Saturday | February 28 | Home Ec Roor | 10:30-1:00 | \$20 | |
| Positive Parenting Program | Tuesday | March 3 | School Library | 5:30-7:00 | N/C | |
| Learn to Knit a Scarf | Wednesday | March 4 | School Library | 5:00-7:00 | \$25 | |
| Vegetable Seed Saving | Thursday | March 19 | Home Ec Roor | 6-7:30 | \$5 | |
| Gourds Gone Rogue | Saturday | March 21 | Tech Ed Room | 10-1:00 | \$30 | |
| The Forgotten 200 Stories and Mysteries of Lake Pepin | Thursday | March 26 | Cafeteria | 6:00-8:00 | donation | |
| Positive Parenting Program | Tuesday | April 7 | School Library | 5:30-7:00 | N/C | |
| Swing into Spring (swing dance) | Wednesday | April 8 | Cafeteria | 6-7:30 | \$10 | |
| Swing into Spring (swing dance) | Wednesday | April 15 | Cafeteria | 6-7:30 | \$10 | |
| TOTAL | | | | | | |

Community Education Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Make check payable to *Pepin Area Schools*. You can: Pay with credit card in the school office or set up online account with school. Use the charge account you have established with the school, or call the school office at 715-442-2391 and ask for Dawn to make a payment or set up an account. Mail check to: Pepin Area Schools, Community Education, 510 Pine St., Pepin, WI 54759. If you have registered, we will send an email to confirm your registration, to notify you of changes or cancellations, and to remind you the week of the class. If school is closed due to inclement weather, community education classes are also cancelled.

Please call or email Kitty: 715-448-0651, kitty@pepin.k12.wi.us if you are registering less than a week before the class, to insure that there is space in the class and that your registration has been received.

Crafts ,Cooking, and a Movie

Infinity Cards for Valentine's Day

Donation, Mon. Feb. 9, 6:00-9:00, Home Ec. Room

Love is forever so join us in making infinity cards—also known as flexagons—for your Valentines. These are surprisingly simple and fun structures that also serve as fidget toys. We will be measuring, cutting, folding, and gluing paper and decorating our cards with watercolors, colored pencils, and hand-carved stamps. (Former students should bring their carving tools.)

Minimum 6, Maximum 10 students

Instructors: Leslie Stewart and Sandra Thielman are local artists who like to share their enthusiasm for stamp carving and paper crafts with others. One of these is crazy about Valentine's Day and the other is a crazy good baker!



Learn to Knit a Scarf

\$25, Wed. March 4, 5:00-7:00, School library

Teacher and student will knit a scarf together during class. Knitting needles and yarn will be provided, and students should bring an eagerness to learn something new!

Minimum 2, Maximum 6 students

Instructor: Judith Van Cleve is a lifelong knitter who has experienced the benefits of knitting.

Gourds Gone Rogue (for the rebels of folk art)

\$30, Saturday, March 21, 10:00-1:00

Join Cher Marie, aka the "Faerie Gourdmother," for a relaxed, creative session where participants paint and decorate small gourds. Pick a gourd, paint it, and we won't stop you from giving yours a name or a tiny hat. No experience needed. All materials provided. Bring an apron or clothes you don't mind getting stained, a face mask, and eye protection if you have it.

Gourds, paints, tools, and all supplies, including protective gloves and an informative handout, will be provided.

Minimum 4, maximum 10 students

Instructor: Cher Marie loves gardening and growing things. She studied art in high school, and college, and has been involved with the arts through the years. When she found a book on gourd art it was a game changer, because she could apply her artistic skills to a new canvas using gourds that she grew in her garden!



Mexican Home Cooking-Chile Relleno with Mexican Beans and Rice

\$30, Sat. Feb. 21, 11:00-2:00, Home Ec. Room

Learn to prepare Chile Relleno with Mexican Beans and Rice along with Clara and Mercedes from Puentes/Bridges.

Instructors: Clara, with assistance from Mercedes from the Puentes/Bridges project. Find out more about this multi-county organization connecting farm workers with our western Wisconsin communities at <http://www.puentesbridges.org>



Potsticker Variations

\$20, Sat. Feb.28, 10:30-1:00, Home Ec. Room

Known as potstickers in the US, these filled dumplings from Asia (*jiaozi* in China, *gyoza* in Japan) can serve as a starter or an entire meal - depending on your willpower to stop eating them. We'll explore variations in the dough (made from scratch, and store-bought wrappers), the filling (all vegetables, and a combination of meat and veggies), and the cooking method (steamed, and pan-fried). Dipping sauce, simple fried rice, and hot tea will be provided. There will be enough potstickers to eat and to take home.

Please bring an apron. Note: the dough contains wheat, and the fried rice may contain egg.

Min. 4, Max. 12 students

Instructor: Lori Miller lives in Arkansas. She enjoys any opportunity to eat potstickers and thanks you in advance for making some with her.



Movie Night, *Little House Homecoming*

Donation, Thurs. Feb. 5, 6:00-7:30,

School Library

This documentary by Jonathan Parker was filmed at the *Little House* homesites, including Pepin. Laura Ingalls Wilder's birthday is Feb. 7, and the movie is a fitting celebration.

Maximum 25 students

Two Dance Classes! Come Once, or As Many Times As You Want!



Adult Creative Movement and Dance

\$10/session, Cafeteria

Sat. Jan. 24, 10:30-noon,

Thur. Jan. 29, 6-7:30,

Shake off the winter blues with a dance class to get you feeling the spring in your step again with some creative movement and dance within a modern/contemporary dance practice. No dance experience necessary-people of all ages and abilities are welcome. Come ready to get creative in the exploration of dance as a form of self-expression and artistry. *With support through the prompts and activities, participants will warm up, stretch, move and dance around the space in different ways; learn simple choreographic phrases and build some themselves; improvise and cool down.* Bring an open mind, a full water bottle, and be ready to move and sweat in whatever clothing is comfortable for you.

Minimum 3 maximum 8 students

Instructor: Espoir DelMain is a dancer, farmer, paddler and educator, she has created and facilitated several site-specific choreographic works in relation to watersheds and rivers here in the Driftless area and across the nation. This year, she received the Southeastern MN Arts Council Emerging Artist Grant for a community engaged dance piece made across the region called *Driftless Water Dance*. She occasionally teaches a yoga inspired movement and stretching class in Pepin on Tuesday mornings and has also taught in Lake City and facilitated community workshops around the area. She is excited to host a series of dance classes in Pepin!



Swing Dance

\$10/person/session, Cafeteria

4 sessions to choose from:

Weds. 6:00-7:30 pm

Feb. 4, Feb. 11, April 8, or April 15

It's time to hang up your wallflower status, grab a pair a shoes and hit the dance floor. In this beginner's class for basic swing-dance; in 90 minutes you and your partner will be able to trip the lights fantastic (or at least not trip over your feet)! Bring a partner or fly solo to find a new friend. Sturdy shoes with leather soles are recommended. Comfort and moveability are at the top of the list. Don't just sit there-let's dance!

Minimum 4 students

Instructor: Debra Fisher once lived in the old Du-rand Theatre and ran a successful dance academy for a decade. A move across the country found her still teaching ballet, tap, jazz, and working on musical stage productions, honing her skills as a choreographer and teacher for non-dancers. With a job in higher ed the opportunities to teach the basics of all types of social dance exploded. 'Our bodies were built to move and movement should be fun!'

This is not a Pepin Community Education class, though we have sometimes offered classes at the camp. It is an opportunity to visit the facility and have a great time! No registration required.

YMCA Camp Pepin's Winterfest

Suggested donation of \$5/person (optional)

February 7th, 1 PM - 6 PM

Celebrate the season at YMCA Camp Pepin during our 6th annual Winterfest! This family-friendly event offers a variety of outdoor and indoor activities throughout the day. At Winterfest, some things are weather dependent. As of now, we are planning our famous ice carousel, ice skating, broomball, snowshoeing, sledding, and more. Warm up inside with some arts and crafts, or around a campfire enjoying a s'more. Meals available for purchase.

Enrichment

Positive Parenting Program (Triple P)
N/C, Tuesdays, Feb. 3, March 3, April 7,
5:30-7:00, School Library, preschool classroom
and cafeteria.



Join us for Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) sessions, designed to help parents build strong, nurturing relationships with their children. Triple P is a science-based program that

provides practical tools to manage stress, encourage healthy habits, and handle everyday parenting challenges. Whether you're raising toddlers or navigating more complex family dynamics, these seminars—such as “Power of Positive Parenting” and “Raising Confident, Competent Children”—will equip you with the skills to boost your confidence and tackle common issues.

Each session will feature supervised playgroup for children (birth to 5 years old) in the preschool classroom, while parents attend parenting classes in the school library (LMC). **A free meal will be provided**, and those who register will have a chance to win prizes! This event is free, but registration is requested to help us plan for food. Older siblings are also welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

Instructor: Linsey Kaufman is a Family Resource Navigator for Pepin and Buffalo Counties.

The Forgotten 200 Stories and Mysteries of Lake Pepin

Donation, Thurs. March 26, 6-8pm, Cafeteria
Goran Pesic, whose interesting and entertaining presentations on Pepin area history have drawn standing room only crowds, has collected 200 stories and mysteries of the Lake Pepin area, including reports of ancient giants, precolumbian fortifications, and buried treasures.

Instructor: Goran Pesic is a resident of Pepin, father of two, and social studies teacher in Pepin Area Schools. He is interested in the history of the Lake Pepin area. He was born in Belgrade, Serbia, and has been a resident of Pepin since 2003. He loves science and history, and besides *Once Upon a Lake in Pepin* he wrote other historical accounts including textbooks that his students use in school. He is working on a new book, titled *The Greatest Mysteries of Lake Pepin*.

Vegetable Seed Saving:

Why and How to Save Your Own Seeds

\$5, Thurs. March 19, 6:00-7:30, Home Ec. Room

Seeds are the starting point for everything we grow in our gardens. Knowing where they come from and understanding how they are grown can enrich our gardening experience. Over a few generations, home grown seeds can adapt to grow especially well in the specific soil and climate conditions of our own gardens.

We will review basic plant biology, learn general seed-growing principles, and then focus on the “how to” details of growing, collecting, cleaning, and storing seeds for the easiest vegetables, so you can start planning your own garden seed patch.

Bring a rough map or sketch of your garden area to use in planning.

If you collected any of your own seeds last summer and want help cleaning them, you can bring them along too.

Minimum 3, Maximum 12 students

Instructor: Kathleen Plunkett Black has been a seed saver and homestead subsistence gardener for over 30 years. She is a long-time member of the Seed Savers Exchange, and now grows seeds for over 200 varieties of vegetables, some of which she sells through her micro-business *Plum Creek Seeds*.



Tai Chi Qi Dong for Self Help at Home

\$10, Thurs. Feb.12, 6:00-7:30, School Library

Tai Chi is an ancient art of self defense and exercise. It includes a tradition of stimulating known points to treat a wide variety of health concerns. This will be an introduction to its use and application of these points.

Minimum 4, maximum 25 students

Instructor: Bernie Finch has practiced Chiropractic, Nutrition Therapy, Acupuncture, Dry Needling and Tai Chi in Pepin for 35 years.