

Pepin Community Education

Fall 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
Mind in the Making	Tuesday	Sept. 15	School Library	5:30-7:00	NC	
Mind in the Making	Tuesday	Oct. 13	School Library	5:30-7:00	NC	
Mind in the Making	Tuesday	Nov. 10	School Library	5:30-7:00	NC	
Tai Chi Qi Dong for Self Help at Home	Thursdays	Oct. 1, 8	Home Ec. Room	6:00-7:30	\$10	
Survivor First Aid: What to do Until Help Arrives	Monday	Oct. 5	School Library	6:00-8:00	\$25	
Let's Swing Dance	Wed.	Oct. 7	Cafeteria	6:30-8:00	\$10/class	
Let's Swing Dance	Wed.	Oct. 14	Cafeteria	6:30-8:00	\$20 for 4	
Let's Swing Dance	Wed.	Oct. 21	Cafeteria	6:30-8:00	plus	
Let's Swing Dance	Wed.	Oct. 28	Cafeteria	6:30-8:00	food pantry	
\$10/class, \$20/4 classes, plus food pantry donation					donation	
Let's make a quilt- Take 5	Wed.	Oct. 7	Home Ec. Room	7:00-8:00	\$30	
Let's make a quilt- Take 5		Oct. 14, 21	Home Ec. Room	6:00-9:00		
Beginning Knitting	Thursday	Oct. 22	School Library	6:00-9:00	\$20	
Cemetery Walk	Saturday	Oct. 24	Pepin Cemetery	4:30-6:00	NC	
A Taste of Polynesia in Pepin	Saturday	Nov. 7	Home Ec. Room	11:00-1:00	\$35	
Buried Treasure Stories of the Lake Pepin Area	Thursday	Nov. 12	School Library	6:00-7:30	NC	
Mexican Home Cooking	Saturday	Nov. 14	Home Ec. Room	11:00-2:00	\$30	
Layered Stamps for the Holidays	Monday	Nov. 16	Home Ec. Room	6:00-9:00	\$25	
Tinsel Ornaments	Thursday	Nov. 19	Home Ec. Room	6:00-7:30	\$15	
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, kittyl@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.

Class Descriptions

In the Kitchen

A Taste of Polynesia in Pepin

\$35, Saturday, Nov. 7, 11:00-1:00, Home Ec. Room
For a little less than the cost of a ticket to Hawaii, you can prepare and enjoy our own versions of our 50th state's traditional, tropical fare...hula skirts are optional.

Instructor: 45 years of professional cooking experience and **Judy Krohn** still enjoys exploring new recipes, techniques, and cuisines, along with gathering ingredients, making & sharing food with others.



Mexican Home Cooking

\$30, Saturday, Nov. 14, 11:00-2:00, Home Ec. Room

Clara will share her talents making Empanadas de Pollo con crema y queso y salsa verde y rojo. (Chicken Empanadas with cheese, cream, and green/red salsa.)

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>



Health

Tai Chi Qi Dong for Self Help at Home

\$10, Thursdays, Oct. 1 & 8, 6:00-7:30, Home Ec. Room

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. Come for an introduction, or for refinement of previous classes.

Minimum 4, maximum 25 students

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

Survivor First Aid: What to do Until Help Arrives **\$25, Monday, Oct. 5, 6:00-8:00, School Library**

Emergencies can happen anywhere, and everyone can learn how to help. This practical, hands-on course teaches everyday people how to assess an emergency, recognize serious illness or injury, call for appropriate help, and provide basic care until EMS arrives. Through discussion and real-world scenarios, you'll build the confidence to stay calm, determine what matters most, and take effective action when an emergency happens. No previous medical experience required. This is not a CPR or First Aid certification course.

Minimum:8, Maximum 30 Students

Instructor: **Jen Herdina** is a certified paramedic in Wisconsin and Minnesota with experience serving with both Winona Area Ambulance and Sparta Ambulance. She has also been a Wilderness EMT since 2006, serving as a medical officer on expeditions around the world for the past 20 years. An experienced educator and facilitator known for her energetic, humorous approach to teaching, Jen makes emergency skills practical and accessible, helping everyday people feel confident and prepared to respond when the unexpected happens.

Let's Swing Dance

Wed. Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, 6:30-8:00,

\$20 for four classes plus food pantry donation.

Walk-ins welcome any week at \$10/class.

A beginners guide to having fun on the dance floor. Wear something you can move in, comfortable shoes (leather soles are great, but use what you have) and bring a water bottle to get ready to SWING! Basic moves, leader and follower patterns and a whole lot of fun.

Minimum 6, maximum 20 students

Instructor: **Debra Fisher.** A native of Pepin County, Debra has led a rather eclectic life. From full-time dance instructor to technical theater education in Higher Education, professional photographer, stage choreographer and a most recent stint as the editor of the local newspaper. Debra has lived across the USA in Iowa, Missouri, Arizona and Indiana before realizing there really is no place like home. You won't need a pair of ruby red slippers to enjoy this class....let's dance!



The Arts

Let's Make a Quilt- Take 5

\$30, Weds. Oct. 7, 7-8pm, Oct. 14 & 28, 6-9pm, Home Ec. Room

Have you always wanted to make a quilt? This is the perfect opportunity to do that. The *Take 5* pattern is a simple and fun pattern that can be made in several sizes. This pattern utilizes yardage but could also be made using fat quarters. Some yardage for borders is also needed. 1st night: view samples of quilts, learn some quilting basics and tips on fabric selection. 2nd night: cut fabric and blocks. 3rd night: Layout blocks and sew together, add borders.

Supplies needed for the 2nd and 3rd class: fabric, sewing machine, rotary cutter, rulers, mat, Post-it notes, thread and basic sewing supplies. Some quilting experience is recommended.

Minimum 4, maximum 10 students

Instructor: Connie

Anderson was a Family and Consumer Education teacher for 35 years. She has been quilting since the 1980s and has been teaching quilting classes since the 1990s. She is an avid quilter who loves to share her love of quilting with others



Knit a Washcloth

\$20, Thursday, Oct. 22, 6-9, School Library

Learn basic knitting skills, including knit, purl and yarn over stitches to produce a cotton washcloth. The washcloth is a great gift and will allow you to develop your comfort zone in beginning to knit. Instructions, needles and cotton yarn are included in the course fee.

Minimum 3, Maximum 10 students

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



Layered Stamps for the Holidays

\$25, Monday, Nov. 16, 6-9, Home Ec. Room

Get in the holiday spirit with another fun session of stamp carving where you can make your own unique cards and gift tags! We'll work on creating some beautiful multi-colored effects with layering stamps and we'll also make a collaborative card to showcase and share our collective artwork. Beginners are always welcome, but if you have participated in previous classes, please bring your carving tools.

Minimum 4, maximum 10 students

Instructors: Leslie Stewart and Sandra Thielman

are local artists and pals who love to share their enthusiasm for hand-carved stamps, paper arts (and cookies:) with others. They are always thrilled with the ideas and good fun generated in the Pepin Community Education classroom.

Tinsel Ornaments

\$15, Thursday, Nov. 19, 6:00-7:30, Home Ec. Room

Cut and twist tinfoil to make these simple yet elegant holiday ornaments.

Minimum 4, Maximum 10 students

Instructor: Kitty Latané has been working with tinfoil for 40 years.



History



Cemetery Walk

Sat. Oct. 24, 4:30-6:00, Oakwood Cemetery, Pepin

The tombstones in the oldest section of the Pepin Cemetery mark the burials of early residents of the Pepin area, from the mid-1800s to 1900. In a "cemetery walk" community actors portray some of these pioneers while visitors meander from grave to grave to hear their stories.

Do you have an interest in one of the early tombstones at the cemetery? Register soon to be a presenter. We will work with you to help prepare a script and costume. Presenters must pre-register. Those who pre-register as audience will receive reminders and updates, but drop-ins are welcome! Donations will be accepted.

This is a cooperative presentation by the Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum and Pepin Community Education.

Buried Treasure Stories and Mysteries of the Lake Pepin Area

N/C, Thursday, Nov. 12, 6-7:30, School Library

Goran Pesic, whose interesting and entertaining presentations on Pepin area history have drawn standing room only crowds, has been collecting more stories! Join us to hear about those who buried treasure and others who searched for it. Lost Spanish Gold, Bogus Creek Forgers, Maiden Rock Treasure, John Dillinger's Treasure, and more.

Instructor: Goran Pesic is a Yugoslav-born educator who settled in the picturesque Driftless Area, where he spent over 20 years living in the Lake Pepin region alongside his wife and two children. Professionally, he serves the community as a history teacher within the Pepin Area Schools district. His passion for regional history frequently leads him to participate in local educational initiatives, including speaking engagements like the River History speaker series hosted by the Prescott Area Historical Society. Pesic compiled extensive regional folklore, historical accounts, and native traditions into deeply researched books, *Once Upon a Lake in Pepin: A Tale of the Birthplace of Laura Ingalls Wilder*, and *The Greatest Mysteries of Lake Pepin: American Loch Ness in the Heart of the Driftless Area*. Beyond his Lake Pepin series, he has authored titles exploring his roots, such as *Once Upon a Childhood in Yugoslavia*, about growing up in this Socialist country and the comparison to life in the USA.

Family

Mind in the Making

N/C, Tuesdays, Sept. 15, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, 5:30-7:00
This class, from the Family Resource Program of Buffalo and Pepin Counties, covers the 7 life skills (MITM-7) that help children thrive. Dinner and child care is included. The series will continue in the winter session of Pepin Community education.

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



FAMILY RESOURCE PROGRAM OF BUFFALO AND PEPIN COUNTIES

MIND in the Making



7 Essential Life Skills

Executive function-based skills children need to thrive.

- Focus and Self Control
- Perspective Taking
- Communicating
- Making Connections
- Critical Thinking
- Taking on Challenges
- Self-Directed, Engaged Learning

What is Mind in the Making?

MITM's 7 Essential Life Skills help adults understand and encourage important executive function skills children need to thrive. Executive function-based life skills involve managing thoughts, actions and emotions to achieve goals. Join us for this 7-session series to learn more about the science of children's learning!

Join us in person on Tuesdays:

September 15th
November 10th
February 16th
April 13th

October 13th
January 12th
March 16th
May 18th

Pepin School Library

- 5:30-7:00pm
- Dinner included
- Childcare provided
- NO COST EVENT

Children with better executive function skills learn more from educational experiences, are more likely to graduate from college, and have better health and wealth in adulthood.

