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Mon, June 8th
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- May 31 Poynette - 1 PM
- June 5 @ Black Earth - 7 PM
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THURSDAY- Egg Salad Croissant, Veggie Ranch Pasta, Melon Cup, Cookie.
FRIDAY- Baked Cod w/Tartar Sauce, Baked Sweet Potato, Broccoli, Pears, WW Roll.

JUNE 8 - JUNE 12, 2026

MONDAY-Goulash w/Beans, California Blend, Veggies, Fruit Cocktail.
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Harold & Lori Schwoerer D/B/A Club 60, LLC
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Anyone wishing to appear before the town Board either for or against said application may do so at this time.

*Gabrielle Loeffler, Clerk
Town of Columbus*

**VILLAGE OF FALL RIVER
ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

Class A and Class B Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquor License applications are on file at the Clerk's Office, Fall River Municipal Building, 641 S Main St in Fall River, WI, County of Columbia. The Village Board will meet on June 10, 2026, 6:00 PM, to consider the applications on file.

Applications for a Class B Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquor: Wendy Dagnall, 424 S Main St., Fall River – Wendy's E-Z Axis, 310 N Main St. Jamesco Corp., Chad Purvis-Agent, W9598 Rose Circle, Beaver Dam, WI – CJ's Bar & Restaurant, 540 S Main St., Savanna Oaks Community Center Inc., Brad Johnsrud -Agent, 327 Kane St., Fall River, Savanna Oaks Community Center-100 Savanna Rd, Randy Smith, 3038 Providence, Sun Prairie, Wingz N Thingz, 170 McCrae Rd.

Application for Class A Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquor License: Fall River Station Inc., Lakhbir Singh – Agent, 6664 Tartan Trail, Sun Prairie – Fall River Station, 722 S Main St.

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John "Jack" William Krebs, age 83, passed away on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at The Meadows in Fall River. He was born on September 15, 1942, in La Crosse, Wisconsin, to George and Arlene (Bruring) Krebs.

Jack grew up in La Crosse, where he developed a love for the outdoors, often hiking the La Crosse bluffs and enjoying the beauty of the area around him. He graduated from La Crosse Central High School in 1960. Not long after graduation, Jack's life changed in a way he never could have expected. While out on a joy ride with friends, a group of young ladies caught their eye. What began as a simple chance encounter soon became the start of a lifelong love story. Among them was Marilon Jean Nelson, who would become the love of Jack's life. In December of 1963, Jack and Marilon eloped and were married at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Caledonia, Minnesota. From that day forward, they built a life together rooted in love, commitment, and devotion. Marilon was not only Jack's wife, but his partner, his steady companion, and the person with whom he shared life's greatest joys, challenges, and memories. Their love became the foundation of the family they created together, and the bond they shared remained one of the most meaningful parts of Jack's life.

His lifelong career in sales began at a young age, selling gladiolas from his red wagon. He later transitioned into delivering the La Crosse Tribune as a daily paperboy. After getting his foot in the door at the La Crosse Tribune, Jack launched his career in advertising sales, accepting a position with another Lee Enterprise newspaper and relocating with Marilon to Ottumwa, Iowa. At this time, his two sons, David and Paul were born. Jack later accepted an advertising sales position in Madison with Madison Newspapers, where he worked until his early retirement in 1984.

In retirement, Jack continued to stay active and involved. He held a motor carrier position with the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and later delivered the Wisconsin State Journal, work that often required long, late-night and early-morning hours. After years of keeping an unconventional schedule, Jack decided he was ready for something that allowed him to work during the day and spend more time enjoying a normal rhythm of life. With that in mind, Jack and his good friend Jim Cisewski founded a handyman company, serving residents on Madison's North Side. It was a fitting next chapter for Jack that allowed him to stay busy, use his skills, help others, and work alongside a friend while keeping a schedule that better suited the life he wanted in retirement.

Jack had a strong interest in investing and the stock market, which led him to establish a stock club where he could connect with friends through monthly meetings held at the Esquire Club. In addition to his financial interests, Jack, the "Godfather of All Leisure Activities," found relaxation by fishing as often as possible with friends and family. This included a three-month sabbatical and numerous trips to Canada and northern Wisconsin. Over the years, he hunted in Wyoming and Colorado, as well as throughout the Midwest for various wild game.

Jack also had a generous heart and a passion for helping others. While attending a men's retreat, he found a renewed sense of purpose through the Holy Spirit. This led to his involvement with food pantries and homeless shelters throughout Southern Wisconsin. Needing a way to support his substantial giving, Jack became skilled in the art of couponing, using it as a practical way to help provide food and necessities for those in need.

Some of his other hobbies included going on road trips, thrifting, attending auctions and collecting rocks, coins, and stamps. He also took pleasure in playing Euchre, listening to music, and betting his luck on the blackjack table. Despite his many hobbies and interests, nothing meant more to Jack than his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They were truly the pride and joy of his life, and he made it a priority to be present for them in every way he could. Whether it was attending school events, sporting activities, family gatherings, or simply showing up to spend time together, Jack was always there with a smile, ready to support, encourage, and be involved. His six grandchildren never had to question his love or dedication. He showed it through his presence, his consistency, and the joy he found in being part of their lives. To Jack, being a grandfather was one of his greatest honors, and the memories he created with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren will be treasured always.

Jack is survived by his wife, Marilon Krebs of Fall River; his two sons, David (Kimberly) Krebs of Rio and Paul (Susan) Krebs of Deerfield; six grandchildren, Carrie (Adam) Poster, Zackary (Cassandra) Krebs, Samantha (Brian) Shields, Megan Krebs, Ryan (Emma) Krebs, and Jacob (Morgan) Krebs;

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Stork Watch

Area Birth Announcements

HaveJ a Birth to Announce?

If you would like to announce a birth in the Rio Shopper, please call, or send information and phone number, (printed clearly) to Rio Shopper, 205 Lincoln Ave, P.O. Box 302, Rio, WI 53960. **There is no charge for these announcements!**

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John Krebs Obituary, continued

ten great-grandchildren, Harper, Charlotte, Brooklynn, Madelyn, Mason, Jackson, Landon, Kaia, Brian, and Lane; along with many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his aunt Kathryn Krebs, and his sister, Nancy Buldhaupt.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at 11:00 AM with visitation beginning at 9:30 AM, at Faith Lutheran Church in Columbus, Wisconsin. Reverend Andrew Perger will officiate.

As a tribute to Jack's passion for helping provide food for the hungry, the family asks that each person in attendance bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Faith Lutheran Food Pantry.

Memorials may be made to the Faith Lutheran Food Pantry or to the Alzheimer's Association in support of his family's Walk to End Alzheimer's team, The Memory Marchers. <http://act.alz.org/goto/thememorymarchers>

A special thank you to the staff at The Meadows of Fall River who cared for Jack throughout his journey with dementia as well as the caregivers of Generations Hospice during his final days.

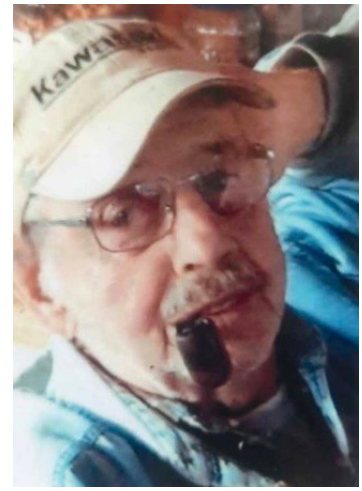
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Roger D. Hoepfner



Roger D. Hoepfner, 86, of Highbridge, WI, passed away peacefully on May 1, 2026. He was born on January 28, 1940 the son of Arthur and Anna (Kock) Hoepfner.

Roger was known for his quick wit, generous heart, and ability to fix just about anything. He left a lasting impression on everyone who knew him.

During his more than 20 years as Head Custodian for the Rio Schools, Roger became much more than a coworker — he was a mentor, teacher, storyteller, and friend to students and staff alike.

Roger loved the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, fishing, maple syruping, gardening, and cooking over a wood fire — always with a cold beer in hand. He had a competitive nature in everything he did, especially while fishing with his wife, Sharon, though he often fell short, which would ruffle his feathers. He especially enjoyed sharing his homemade sausage and jerky with family and friends. Whether you came to visit for an hour or a couple of days, his door was always open. Visitors traveling from afar were always sent off with the same parting words: "Sure glad I don't have that long drive." Above all, Roger will be remembered for his kindness, hospitality, and willingness to help anyone in need.

Roger is survived by his loving wife, Sharon Hoepfner of Highbridge, WI; daughter Penny Hoepfner of Highbridge, WI; son Pat (Deb) Hoepfner of McHenry, IL; grandson Nolan Hoepfner of McHenry, IL; granddaughter Emma Hoepfner of Milwaukee, WI; and siblings Carol Heeres of Ingleside, IL, Sandra Hoepfner of DeForest, WI, and Gary Hoepfner of Portage, WI; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Arthur Hoepfner; mother, Anna Hoepfner; sisters Mary Lou "Mertz" Borde and Darlene Vick; brothers Art "Fritz" Hoepfner and Donald Hoepfner.

A graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 27, 2026 at the Mount Hope Cemetery on Hwy C in Highbridge, WI. with father Gerald Hagen officiating. A celebration of life will follow at the Morse Town Hall from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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**RIO COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026, 5:00 PM
RIO MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL - ROOM 170**

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM by Board President, Carley Young. Paula Glaser led the Pledge of Allegiance.

This meeting was properly posted in the District.

Oath of Office - Recently Elected Members of the Board of Education. Recently Elected Members to the Board of Education, Carley Young and Tammy Wakeman read and signed the Oath of Office.

Roll Call: Carley Young, Tammy Wakeman, Beth Laufenberg, Jordan Noyes and Keith Desjarlais. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Michael Lichucki; Middle/High School Principal Matt Davis; Director of Business Services Paula Glaser; Athletic Director Jared Napralla; CESA 5 YA Coordinator Stephanie DeVries; and Administrative Assistant Nicole Bagwell.

Election of Officers. At this time the meeting was turned over to Dr. Michael Lichucki for election of officers.

- A. A motion was made by Keith Desjarlais and seconded by Tammy Wakeman to nominate Carley Young as Board President. A motion was then made by Keith Desjarlais and seconded by Jordan Noyes to close nominations and the unanimous vote was cast for the nominee, Carley Young. Motion carried by a voice vote; four votes yes. Carley Young abstaining.
- B. Control of the Board meeting was now turned back over to Carley Young. A motion was made by Jordan Noyes and seconded by Keith Desjarlais to nominate Tammy Wakeman as Board Vice President. A motion was then made by Keith Desjarlais and seconded by Beth Laufenberg to close nominations and the unanimous vote was cast for the nominee, Tammy Wakeman. Motion carried by a voice vote, four votes yes. Tammy Wakeman abstaining.
- C. A motion was made by Tammy Wakeman and seconded by Keith Desjarlais to nominate Jordan Noyes as Board Treasurer. A motion was then made by Tammy Wakeman and seconded by Keith Desjarlais to close nominations and the unanimous vote was cast for the nominee, Jordan Noyes. Motion carried by a voice vote, four votes yes. Jordan Noyes abstaining.
- D. A motion was made by Keith Desjarlais and seconded by Tammy Wakeman to nominate Beth Laufenberg as Board Clerk. A motion was then made by Keith Desjarlais and seconded by Jordan Noyes to close nominations and the unanimous vote was cast for the nominee, Beth Laufenberg. Motion carried by a voice vote; four votes yes. Beth Laufenberg abstaining..

Board Committee Appointments. Carley Young and Jordan Noyes were appointed to the Policy Committee. Beth Laufenberg and Tammy Wakeman were appointed to the Compensation Committee.

A motion was made by Tammy Wakeman and seconded by Keith Desjarlais to create a Cooperative Committee. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.

Carley Young and Keith Desjarlais were appointed to the Cooperative Committee.

Set Time and Dates of School Board Meetings. A motion was made by Beth Laufenberg and seconded by Keith Desjarlais to set the school board meeting times and dates as the third Monday of the month at 5:00 PM. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.

Recognition of Visitors. There was one visitor present.

Approve Minutes from the March 23, 2026, Regular Board of Education Meeting. A motion was made by Keith Desjarlais and seconded by Tammy Wakeman to approve the March 23, 2026, regular meeting minutes, as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.

Approve Minutes from the April 13, 2026, Special Board Meeting. A motion was made by Tammy Wakeman and seconded by Jordan Noyes to approve the April 13, 2026 special meeting minutes, as presented. Motion carried by voice vote; five votes yes.

Rio Showcase. Youth Apprenticeship. CESA 5- Youth Apprenticeship (YA) Coordinator Stephanie DeVries talked about the youth apprenticeship program. A senior student shared her experience as she completes her second year of youth apprenticeship at the Wyocena Nursing Home.

Action Items

- A. Bills for Payment. A motion was made by Beth Laufenberg and seconded by Jordan Noyes to approve Checks, ACH, and Wire payments from 3/1/2026 - 3/31/2026 as presented totaling \$381,803.53. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.
- B. Human Relations
1. Resignation/Retirement
 - a. Educational Assistant - Lynn Bubolz. Informational, no motion needed.
 - b. Educational Assistant - Dana Olson. Informational, no motion needed.

The Board expressed their thanks for the years of service to the district by the retiring Educational Assistants.
 2. Hiring
 - a. Spring Weightroom Supervisor - Robbie Starker. Informational, no motion needed.
 3. Gifts to the District
 - a. Grants
 - i. None
 - b. Donations
 - i. None

Discussion/Information/Possible Action

- A. Treasurer's Report. Director of Business Services Paula Glaser and Dr. Lichucki reviewed the Treasurer's Report with the Board.
- B. Budget Amendment. A motion was made by Keith Desjarlais and seconded by Tammy Wakeman to approve the budget amendments for the 2025-2026 budget, as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.
- C. Staffing Update. Dr. Lichucki shared the number of planned sections for the next school year at the Elementary along with tentative teacher assignments.
- D. Cheer/Dance Proposal. Mr. Davis shared information about starting a cheer/dance club. A motion was made by Jordan Noyes and seconded by Tammy Wakeman to approve a cheer/dance club. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.
- E. 2nd Reading 6000. A motion was made by Beth Laufenberg and seconded by Tammy Wakeman to acknowledge the second reading of the 6000's section of Neola Policies. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.
- F. 2nd Reading 5136-Cell Phone Policy. A motion was made by Keith Desjarlais and seconded by Jordan Noyes to acknowledge the second reading of policy 5136-Personal Communication Devices. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.
- G. ADOPTION RESOLUTION
A motion was made by Keith Desjarlais and seconded by Tammy Wakeman to approve the following adoption resolution:
RESOLVED, that the bylaws and policies published on the District website (www.rio.k12.wi.us) and codified in the comprehensive document entitled "Bylaws and Policies of the Rio Community School District Board of Education" are hereby adopted and that all bylaws and policies heretofore adopted by the Rio Community School District Board of Education are hereby rescinded, further be.
RESOLVED, that in the event any policy, part of a policy or section of the bylaws is judged to be inconsistent with law, inoperative by a court of competent jurisdiction or is invalidated by a policy or contract duly adopted by this Board, the remaining bylaws, policies and parts of policies shall remain in full effect. Take notice that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Rio Community School District Board of Education at a public meeting held at Rio, Wisconsin on April 20th, 2026. Motion carried by a roll call vote: Young, Wakeman, Desjarlais, Noyes, and Laufenberg voting yes.
- H. Wisconsin School Nutrition Purchasing Cooperative. A motion was made by Beth Laufenberg and seconded by Jordan Noyes to approve the renewal of the membership with the Wisconsin School Nutrition Purchasing Cooperative for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.
- I. Softball MOU. This was a discussion item.
- J. Board Graduation Representative. Carley Young will be the Board of Education Representative at Graduation.
- K. Girl's Basketball Overnight Request. A motion was made by Beth Laufenberg and seconded by Tammy Wakeman to approve the overnight trip request for the Varsity girls basketball team to attend the Providence Academy holiday tournament in Green Bay, as presented and discussed. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.
- L. School Perception Survey. Dr. Lichucki informed the Board that an Internal stakeholder survey will be completed soon.
- M. CESA #5 Delegate Selection. A motion was made by Jordan Noyes and seconded by Tammy Wakeman to elect Keith Desjarlais to be our delegate at the CESA 5 Annual Convention. Motion carried by a voice vote; four votes yes. Keith Desjarlais abstaining.
- N. Art Teacher Job Description. A motion was made by Beth Laufenberg and seconded by Tammy Wakeman to approve the Art Teacher job description. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.
- O. Facility Study Recommendation. Administration presented a plan to engage a company to complete a facility study to better understand our facility needs.

P. Salary Schedule/PTO. Superintendent Dr. Michael Lichucki and Director of Business Services Paula Glaser presented the proposed REA salary schedule and PTO. A motion was made by Beth Laufenberg and seconded by Keith Desjarlais to approve the Rio Education Association professional staff 4 compensation and PTO for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented and discussed. Motion carried by a voice vote; four votes yes. Jordan Noyes abstaining.

Q. Staff Contract Days/Weather Days. A motion was made by Tammy Wakeman and seconded by Keith Desjarlais to approve forgiving the three contract days missed due to inclement weather. Motion carried by a voice vote; four votes yes. Jordan Noyes abstaining.

R. Rio Fireman's Park Lease. A motion was made by Tammy Wakeman and seconded by Beth Laufenberg to approve the lease with the Rio Fire Department for the use of the Rio Fireman's Park, as recommended. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.


S. Administrative Reports

1. Mr. Davis MS/HS
 - a. General School Update.
 - April 10 was Drive Your Tractor to School Day, a new twist to this event this year was a tractor parade to the Elementary school. It was a hit.
 - April 13 & 14 Two students participated in the state FBLA competition. One student qualified for the National Conference in San Antonio this summer.
 - Middle School Forward testing has been completed.
 - Graduation update provided.
 - AP testing is coming up soon.
2. Dr. Lichucki District/Elementary
 - a. General School Update
 - Spring testing for Wisconsin Forward and AimsWEB is being completed.
 - Summer school enrollment is underway with a high participation rate expected again this year.

T. Legislative Update. This was a discussion item.

U. Items for Future Agendas. This was a discussion item.

A motion was made by Jordan Noyes and seconded by Tammy Wakeman to adjourn the meeting at 7:07PM. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.



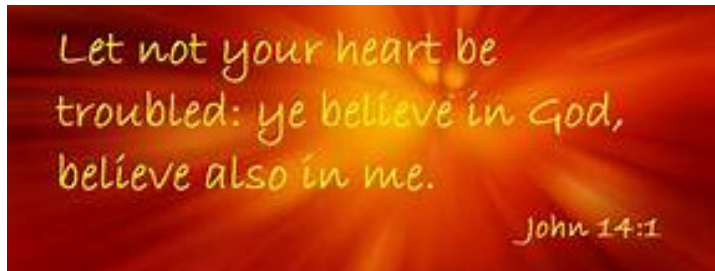
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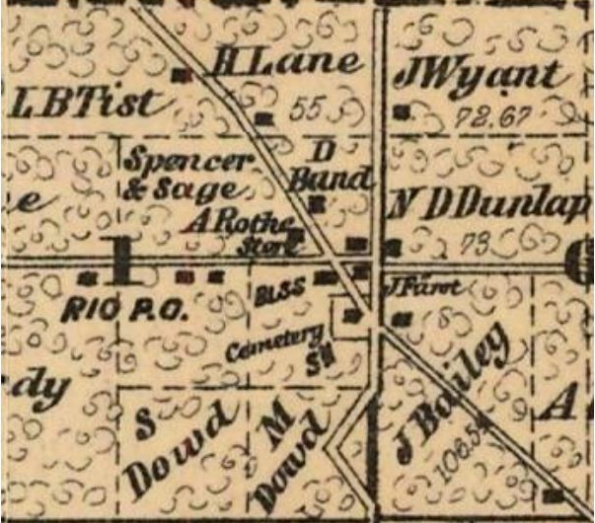
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The Location of Tiff’s Corner and the beginning of Rio.



Tiff’s Corner: This map is from 1860 and shows the location of Tiff’s Corner along with the location of the businesses that we know of. There were three at that time. One being owned by Delos Bundy. You can see marked on the map The place owned by Bundy. It was also a Stagecoach stop and mail drop off. There were barns for feeding and sheltering the horses.

Other businesses in the area include: _____
 A Road House known as The Ohio House (Delos Bundy)
 A Blacksmith Shop (H. Lane)
 A Country Store (A Rothe Store) _____

At the time this map was produced there was no railroad going through Rio, only a stagecoach route. At this time the land is owned by L.B. Tist (1860) on a different 1861 map it is shown as B.L. Tiff. Later it is owned by B. L. Tiff (now since the initials are reversed and the last name spelled differently it may have been an error in the 1860 map or someone completely different.

Not sure we will ever know. 1873, 1890. And 1916 maps all show B.L. Tiff.



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Monthly Events:

- The Rio Community Library Board will meet on the 6th of the month. All are welcome.
- The Book Club book is Swan Song by Elin Hilderbrand. Copies available upon request.
- Storytime is on Wednesdays at 9:30 am. Any child 5 and under with their parents can attend.
- Lego Club meets every Thursday from 3:30 pm to 4:45 pm. All ages are welcome!

Special Events:

- RALF Artisan Fair: May 9th : 9:00 am - 2:00 pm @ the Elementary School
- The last Storytime of the month will be May 20th.
- Lego Club will not meet during the Summer and will start up again when school begins
- The Library will be closed on May 25th for Memorial Day and May 30th

Upcoming Events:
 The Summer Reading theme this year is **Unearth a Story!** The reading program will begin on June 8th and fun programs will start right after.
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