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March 23rd
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~Local News
~Local Events
~Local History
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Duty Station/Ship
Dates of Service - Beginning and end

Rio Community Library
March News & Events

M & W-10:00am-8:00pm T,R,F-10:00am-5:00pm S-10:00am-3:00pm
(920) 992-3206 www.riolibrary.org

Monthly Events:

- The Rio Community Library Board meets on the 2nd Monday of the month. All are welcome.
- The Book Club book is This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger. 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:

- Mar. 25 @ 6:00 p.m. Legacy and Impact of *The Sand County Almanac*
- Mar. 27 @ 6:00 p.m. Children's Movie: Zootopia 2
- Mar. 06 @ 1:00 p.m. Adult Movie: Song Sung Blue
- Mar. 20 @ 1:00 p.m. Adult Movie: Hamnet

Upcoming Events:

Join us and Buddy Huffaker from the Aldo Leopold Foundation on March 25 @ 6:00 p.m. to discuss the legacy and impact of *The Sand County Almanac*. Aldo Leopold's *A Sand County Almanac* has become a conservation classic, selling over 2 million copies worldwide and being translated into 15 languages.

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WEDNESDAY-Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Baked Beans, Pineapple Chunks, WW Roll.

THURSDAY- Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, WW Roll, Apple Crisp.

FRIDAY- Baked Cod w/Tartar Sauce, Baked Sweet Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Mixed Fruit, WW Roll.

MARCH 30-APRIL 3, 2026

MONDAY-Polish Sausage w/Kraut, Lyonnaise Potatoes, Calico Beans, Plums, WW Roll.

TUESDAY-Chicken Alfredo, Pasta, Broccoli, Tropical Fruit, Garlic Toast.

WEDNESDAY-Meatballs w/Mushroom Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Pears, WW Roll.

THURSDAY- Pasta w/Sausage, Peppers, Tomatoes, Cut Green Beans, Fruit Fluff, Garlic Toast.

FRIDAY- Sausage, Spinach, & Cheese Scrambler, Hashbrowns, Yogurt Cup w/Granola and Fruit.

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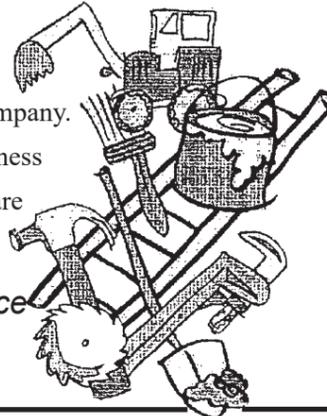
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Patrick Pirkel

Patrick "Pat" Pirkel, a devoted father, skilled craftsman, and loyal friend, passed away leaving behind a legacy built on generosity and a deep love for the people around him. He is survived by his daughter, Josey Junget (James), his son, Lane, and grandchildren Sedona, Vayda, and Wyatt who were the pride of his life.

Pat spent more than 19 years with Wisconsin Built, where he was known for his hard work, sense of humor, and the pride he took in his work. His colleagues remember him as someone who showed up every day ready to lend a hand, share a laugh, and give his best.

Outside of work, Pat lived life with a spirit of adventure and a love for the outdoors. He was passionate about bull riding, hunting, trap shooting, and golfing. Whether he was in the woods, on the course, or in the arena, he embraced each moment with enthusiasm, humor, and grit.

What people will remember most about Pat is his heart. He was the kind of person who showed up—no questions asked—whenever someone needed help. His kindness, humor, and unwavering support touched countless lives, and his presence will be deeply missed.

Pat's family would like to extend a special thank-you to Agrace Hospice in Fitchburg and to Carla for the exceptional care, compassion, and comfort they provided during his final days.

A celebration of Pat's life will be held on March 28th from 1-4 PM at the Otsego Town Hall in Rio, Wisconsin. Please feel free to join us.

Pat's legacy lives on in his children, grandchildren, and in the many people who were fortunate enough to know him.

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Savvy Senior

by Jim Miller

Where to Get Help with Medicare Decisions?

Dear Savvy Senior,

I'll be 65 in a few months and could sure use some help sorting through all the confusing Medicare options that are available to me. Where can I get help with my Medicare decisions?

--Baffled Bob

Dear Bob,

With around 11,400 Baby Boomers turning 65 every day in 2026, you're asking a very timely question.

Many people approaching Medicare are confused by all the choices available today. In addition to original Medicare (Part A and B) that has been around for more than 60 years, you also have the option of enrolling in a Part D prescription drug plan, and a supplemental (Medigap) policy –both of which are sold by private insurance companies.

Another option is a Medicare Advantage plan. These plans, also offered by private insurers, bundle hospital coverage, medical care, prescription drugs, and often extra benefits like vision, dental, and hearing into one policy. Most operate as HMOs or PPOs and require you to receive care within a defined network of providers in your area.

Medicare Advantage plans have also faced increased scrutiny in recent years over prior-authorization requirements that can delay or deny certain services.

To help you determine which path makes the most sense for your situation, there are several reliable resources available, depending on how much assistance you need.

Tools and Resources

A good starting point is the "Medicare & You" handbook, which provides a clear overview of the program and your options. You can download a copy at medicare.gov/medicare-and-you, and you should receive a printed version in the mail about a month before your 65th birthday.

The Medicare website also features a helpful "Find a Medicare Plan" tool at medicare.gov/plan-compare that allows you to compare health plans, prescription drug coverage, and supplemental policies available in your area. If you prefer to speak with someone directly, call Medicare at 800-633-4227, and a representative can walk you through your options over the phone.

Another excellent free resource is your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), which provides unbiased Medicare counseling either in person or by phone. To locate your local SHIP office, visit shiphelp.org or call 877-839-2675.

You can also contact the Medicare Rights Center (medicare-rights.org) at 800-333-4114 for help with specific questions. In addition, HealthMetrix Research publishes a free Cost Share Report at medicarenewswatch.com that compares Medicare Advantage plans by area based on cost-sharing and health status.

Get Help

If you'd like more hands-on help, you can work with a Medicare insurance agent.

Keep in mind that agents are paid commissions by insurance companies, so it's important to choose an independent agent who represents multiple insurers – not just one. That gives you access to a broader range of options.

Also understand that commissions are typically higher for Medicare Advantage plans than for Medigap and Part D policies used with Original Medicare. As a result, some agents may have a financial incentive to recommend Advantage coverage.

That doesn't mean the advice is wrong, but it's wise to ask questions and understand all your choices before enrolling. You can search for licensed agents through nabip.org, the website of the National Association of Benefits and Insurance Professionals.

Taking the time now to compare your options carefully can help you avoid costly mistakes and give you confidence in the coverage you choose.

Send your questions or comments to [@savvysenior.org](mailto:questions@savvysenior.org), or to Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070.

For the most current schedules go to your school website

Rio Baseball

Monday, April 13

Varsity @ Green Lake/Princeton 5:00

Fall River Baseball

Tuesday, April 7

Varsity vs. Randolph/Cambria-Friesland 5:00

Rio/Fall River Softball

Tuesday, March 24

Var. Scrimmage vs. Columbus @ Fall River 5:00

Tuesday, April 7

Varsity @ Pardeeville 5:00

Rio Track & Field

Saturday, March 21

High School Invitational @ Ripon College 9 am

Thursday, March 26

High School Meet @ Poynette 4:15

Monday, March 30

High School Invitational @ UW Oshkosh 4:15

Thursday, April 2nd

High School Invitational @ Marshall 4:00

Fall River Track & Field

Tuesday, April 7

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To make reservations for the shelter. Call Stan Stofflet at 920-992-5106 or Kacy Falk at 920-484-8022. *If no answer, please leave a message, it will be returned.*

SHELTER PRICE \$50
 If cleaned after event,
 \$25 will be returned

Mark your Calendars!
RIO GARAGE SALES
 Friday & Saturday,
 May 8 & 9



LOCAL WORSHIP

Redeemer Lutheran Church
 610 Lincoln Ave.
 Rio
 920-992-3553
Pastor Anne Wickland
 office@rioredeemerlutheran.org
 www.rioredeemerlutheran.org



Sunday Worship - 9:00 am - Watch on Facebook Live
 Listen on Radio FM 101.7

*Soup Suppers, Bible Study and Worship every Wednesday
 February 25th through March 25th - 6 PM
 Maundy Thursday Worship - April 2 - 7:00 PM
 Good Friday Worship - April 3 - 7:00 PM
 Easter Sunday-April 5 - Breakfast 7:45 AM
 Easter Worship - 9:00 AM*

ALL ARE WELCOME!
 AA Meeting Thursdays @ 6:00 pm (Church Basement)

Bonnet Prairie Lutheran Church
 N3694 Old F. Rd., Rio
 Phone: 920-992-3200



Bonnet Prairie Lutheran

In Person Service,
 plus Zoom & Parking lot
 by listening to FM 87.9

Sunday
 Sunday School will be
 the first Sunday of the
 month beginning in Oct.
 8:30 to 9:20 am.
 Sunday School is for
 students age 3-High School.

9:30 am Worship
Council Meets 2nd Mon. of Month
WOC Meets last Weds. of Month

 **Faith Bible Church**
 N4777 Elm Street - Rio, WI 53960
 Pastor Ramsey Bobzin
 920-992-3274
 www.fbcario.org

Come pray, sing and worship Our God and Our Savior - The Lord Jesus Christ. Join us every Sunday and throughout the week as we study the "Bible" Chapter by Chapter, Verse by Verse and Word by Word.

SUNDAY WORSHIP
 9:00 AM **WORSHIP/CHILDREN'S CHURCH & NURSERY**
SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

SUNDAY EVENING: Prayer and Praise - 5:00 PM
TUESDAY'S: Women's Bible Study, 9:30 AM

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: 1:00 PM - Call for Details
2ND SATURDAY/MONTH: Men's Prayer Breakfast-7 AM

Sermons can be heard on our website:
www.fbcario.org or Facebook

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.
 John 14:1

 **YOU'RE INVITED TO ...**
 Sunday School 8:30 AM
 Sunday Worship 9:30 AM
 Wed. Bible Study 6 PM
 Pastor: Mark Brandel
 rev.brandel@hotmail.com

Growing in grace since 1853
Wyocena Community Church
 wyocenachurch.com 164 E. Franklin St
 608.434.2470 PO Box 873
 Wyocena, WI 53969

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

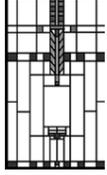
 **HOURS**
 Monday & Wednesday: 9 AM - 8 PM
 Tues., Thurs. & Fri., 9 AM - 5 PM
 Saturdays - 9 AM - NOON

109 Edgewater St., Cambria
 920-348-4030
www.jmml.org

WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS AVAILABLE
 Weekly Preschool Story Time
 & Adult Book Club Monthly
Book Drop Available F & M Bank in Friesland & the Library

Rio Community Library
HOURS
 Mondays & Wednesdays
 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
 Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays
 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 Saturdays - 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
 Closed Sundays & Holidays

email: questions@riolibrary.org
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920-992-3206
 Please review the guidelines
 when entering the library
 324 W. Lyons St.
 We also offer
 curbside pick up.

 **WYOCENA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Monday 9am - 5pm
 Tuesday & Wednesday 9am - Noon & 1pm - 5pm
 Thursday 10am - 3 pm
 Friday, Saturday and Sunday - Closed

*Offering copy/fax service during normal hours,
 no appointment necessary*

COLUMBUS/FALL RIVER FOOD PANTRY
APPOINTMENT SCHEDULING INFORMATION
 (effective January 1, 2025)

We serve Thursdays, 4:00 pm to 6:45 pm, by appointment.
 We are located in the back of the Columbus Community Center,
 125 N Dickason Blvd, Columbus.

Call 608-893-3079 to schedule an appointment.
 If your call is not answered, please leave a clear message with
 your name and phone number. Messages will be checked daily.

Si Ud. necesita ayuda con la comida, favor de llamar al 920-287-8122 y pida Marcos para programar una cita.

Thank you to the following churches for serving:
 Connection Church - Pastor Jamie Turner * St. Jerome Catholic Church - Father Jim Leeser * Faith Lutheran Church - Pastor Andrew Perger * Olivet Congregational UCC * Zion Lutheran Church - Pastor Tim Schwartz * First Presbyterian Church * Columbus United Methodist Church - Rev. Sang Wook Park * Columbus Community Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chris Baker * Wisconsin Academy - Pastor Jonathon Petrick

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Bread Basket
COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY
 Located in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, Entrance on Town Street

Bread Basket Food Pantry will be by appointment only.
Contact Joanne Sanderson; 920-348-5568
or the Church office; 920-348-5859.

Serving residents of the Cambria School District

MONETARY DONATIONS may be sent to Joanne Sanderson,
 Treasurer, W2207 Vaughn Rd., Cambria, WI 53923.

RIO FOOD PANTRY
 104 Lincoln Ave., Rio
 Serving the Rio, Otsego, Doylestown, Cambria and Friesland areas/School Districts.

OPEN 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Mondays of each month
10:00 AM – Noon
EVERY 4th MONDAY
we will also be open from 5 PM to 6 PM

Donations of food & money are accepted during open hours. **Monetary donations can also be sent to Rio Area Food Pantry PO Box 355 Rio WI 53960**
Checks should be made out to the Rio Area Food Pantry.
 For more information contact Gina Gray (608)234-7454, Bob Risgaard (920) 992-5258, or Jim Nelson (920) 992-3618.
This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

RIO AMERICAN LEGION ROOM RENTAL
 The Rio American Legion has a room for rent that will hold approximately 50 folks for a seated event. The facility has AC, a gas stove, microwaves, refrigerator, with tables and chairs already in place. If interested in renting call Jerry at 920 988-3389 or George at 920 382-3588.

Attention Rio Area Food Pantry Customers!
 Please come to the front door of the pantry to pick up your order form which will be filled and brought to your car.

HALL RENTAL
 Rio American Legion
 The Rio American Legion post is available for gatherings up to 50 people. The cost for a non-member is \$50.00 per day. Call Jerry at 920-988-3389 or George at 920-382-3588 for more information or to make a reservation.

JOIN THE RIO AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY TODAY!
 OUR MEETINGS: Third Saturday of each month at 10:00 am at the RAHS Museum, 126 Lincoln Ave., Rio
 ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE
 View our picture gallery & stories on our Facebook page. For more information or

"WE NEED TO COLLECT & PRESERVE"
 ~ Don Hohlstein

This is Church Street in Rio in the early years. The junction of Church and Union Street can be seen and the Catholic Church on the right.



This was originally part of the Columbus to Portage Road that eventually went down Lincoln Avenue and down to West Rio Street and left to highway 16. The picture below would have been what downtown Rio looked like in the early 1900's between 1902 and 1907. Rio was a busy town with lots of activity.



By: Darlene Lerum

RIO HISTORY AD SPONSORED BY:

A tree grows, a memory lives on...
Grasse
Funeral Service
 401 Angel Way Rio / 119 Industrial Dr. Pardeeville
 920-992-3434 or 608-429-2020

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DEADLINES

DISPLAY:
 Monday - 5 PM
CLASSIFIED:
 Tuesday - Noon

RIO SHOPPER
 920-992-5253

Save the Date

VILLAGE OF RIO GARAGE SALES

MAY 8th & 9th 2026



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TAKE THE MYSTERY OUT OF FIRE PLAY
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 920-992-5253

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Are you looking for a spiritual change, or to grow in Christ? Come check out Olivet. We offer both spiritual and sustenance food, family fun, and fellowship.

It's up to you to take that first step, then we will do the rest.

Weekly Sunday services are at 9 a.m. so you can view them online or attend in person. See you soon -

Olivet Congregational UCC
 313 West Prairie St.
 Columbus, Wisconsin 53925
 920-623-5140
 www.olivetucc.org

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