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- ~Local News
- ~Local Events
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COLUMBUS, WI 53925

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Characters in the puzzle are HPLABORDY

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Wordoku uses the letters in “Happy Labor Day” in each row and column only once.

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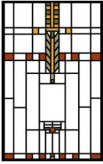


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August News & Events
M & W-10:00am-8:00pm T,R,F-10:00am-5:00pm S-10:00am-3:00pm
(920) 992-3206 www.riolibrary.org

Monthly Events:

The Rio Community Library Board meets on the 2nd Monday of the month. All are welcome.

The Book Club book is The Snowbirds by Christina Clancy. Copies available upon request.

Storytime is taking a break in August and will resume in September.

Lego Club and Movie days will take a break during the Summer.

Save the Date Events:

The Library will be closed on Labor Day Sept. 7th

Sept. 9th @ 6:00 p.m. Badger Talks - Doug Bradley - We Gotta Get Out of This Place: The Soundtrack of the Vietnam War

A Rio Reads event will be based on the above Badger Talk. Dates will be announced.

Upcoming Events:
Oct. 21 @ 6:00 p.m.
Junk Journaling
Oct. 28th @ 6:00 p.m.
Big Foot in Wisconsin



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~ John Locke

Columbia County  
Senior Dining Menu

SEPTEMBER 7 - SEPTEMBER 11 2026

MONDAY - LABOR DAY - CLOSED  
TUESDAY - Beef Patty w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Mandarin Oranges, WW Roll  
WEDNESDAY - Grilled Chicken Breast, Cheesy Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Peaches, WW Roll  
THURSDAY - .Pork Loin, Squash, Calico Beans, Mixed Fruit, WW Roll  
FRIDAY - Baked Fish w/Tartar Sauce, Baked Potato w/Sour Cream, California Blend Veg, Apple Slaw, WW Roll

SEPTEMBER 14 - SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

MONDAY - Stuffed Chicken Breast, Sweet Potato, Broccoli, Tropical Fruit, WW Roll  
TUESDAY - Beef Tips w/Mushroom Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Cut Green Beans, Peaches, WW Roll  
WEDNESDAY - Cube Steak w/Tomatoes, Baby Red Potatoes, Pears, WW Roll  
THURSDAY - Kielbasa w/Kraut, Baby White Potatoes, Carrots, Fruit Cocktail WW Roll  
FRIDAY - Hamburger Patty on Bun, Roasted Potatoes, 3-Bean Salad, Banana

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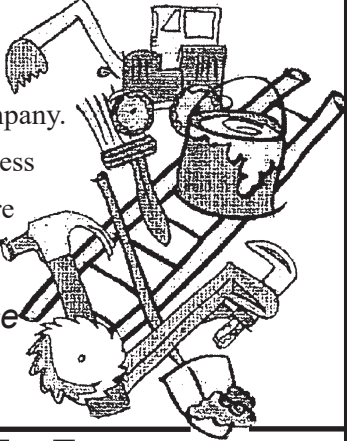


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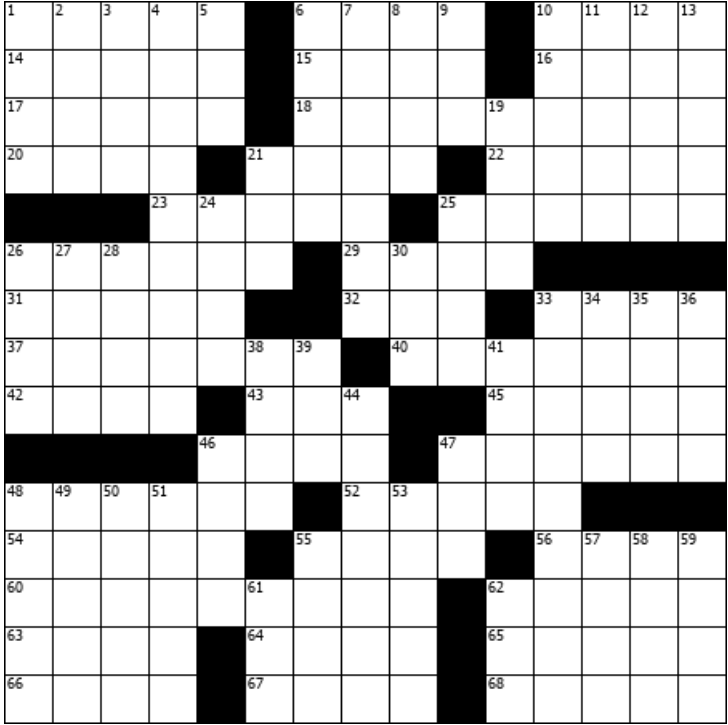


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**OnlineCrosswords.net**  
This is the Daily Crossword Puzzle #5 for Sep 2, 2026

Find the solution at  
<https://onlinecrosswords.net/84327>

- Across**
- 1. Rascal
  - 6. Housing expense
  - 10. Enlightened one's words (2 wds.)
  - 14. Private teacher
  - 15. Wrought \_\_\_\_
  - 16. Guess
  - 17. Keyboard wood
  - 18. Air out
  - 20. Father
  - 21. Confront
  - 22. Hinder
  - 23. Commandment verb
  - 25. Sahara, e.g.
  - 26. Fellow leading actor
  - 29. Storm centers
  - 31. Proprietor
  - 32. River blocker
  - 33. Alternative word
  - 37. Most beloved
  - 40. Deceive
  - 42. Anxious
  - 43. Actor \_\_\_\_ Robbins
  - 45. Door joint
  - 46. California wine valley
  - 47. Pay attention
  - 48. Archer's goal
  - 52. Fine porcelain
  - 54. Fight site
  - 55. Walked upon
  - 56. Bubble \_\_\_\_
  - 60. Arctic predator (2 wds.)
  - 62. Scary
  - 63. Discharge
  - 64. Stately trees
  - 65. Stainless \_\_\_\_
  - 66. Squealers
  - 67. Happiness
  - 68. Not dull



- Down**
- 1. Stride
  - 2. Havana's locale
  - 3. Upon
  - 4. Religious dwelling
  - 5. Be nosy
  - 6. Competitor
  - 7. Constructed
  - 8. Zero
  - 9. High explosive (abbr.)
  - 10. The British \_\_\_\_
  - 11. Say
  - 12. Devourer
  - 13. Critic Roger \_\_\_\_
  - 19. 15th of March
  - 21. Distant
  - 24. Jack rabbit
  - 25. \_\_\_\_ Moore of "Ghost"
  - 26. Morse or ZIP
  - 27. Was in the red
  - 28. Obstacle
  - 30. Sweet potato
  - 33. Actress \_\_\_\_ Shue
  - 34. Gave temporarily
  - 35. Stuffing herb
  - 36. Biblical garden
  - 38. EMT's word
  - 39. Summit
  - 41. Leg front
  - 44. Yarn craft
  - 46. Not far
  - 47. Cover
  - 48. Become narrower
  - 49. Fragrance
  - 50. Kindled again
  - 51. Pesky bugs
  - 53. Racetrack animal
  - 55. Narrate
  - 57. Site
  - 58. Level
  - 59. Assist
  - 61. Ask for alms
  - 62. Double curve



Pictured (L to R): Joe Hartley, "Doc" Jim Nelson, Ken Denure, Dale Gajdosdik, Dick Reierson

**Rio American Legion Quilts of Honor**

Rio American Legion member - Joe Hartley and Dick Reier-son join quilt recipients - "Doc" Jim Nelson, and Rio Legion members; Ken Denure (Army) and Dale Gajdosik (Coast Guard). The anonymous quilt designer and sewer said it took approximately two weeks to make each of these fine quilts.

**Badger Talks with**  
**Doug Bradley**  
**"We Gotta Get Out of This Place" the Soundtrack of the Vietnam War**

Rio Community Library  
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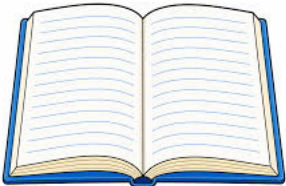
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| GENERAL FUND                                | Audited<br>2024-2025 | Unaudited<br>2025-2026 | PRELIMINARY 2026-<br>2027 BUDGET |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Beginning Fund Balance                      | 1,881,919.18         | 2,144,377.92           | 2,492,477.70                     |
| Ending Fund Balance                         | 2,144,377.92         | 2,492,477.70           | 2,196,127.70                     |
| REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES          |                      |                        |                                  |
| Transfers-In (Source 100)                   | 0.00                 | 0.00                   | 2,500.00                         |
| Local Sources (Source 200)                  | 3,487,416.19         | 4,420,547.17           | 4,225,451.00                     |
| Inter-district Payments (Source 300 + 400)  | 566,292.45           | 594,428.97             | 417,000.00                       |
| Intermediate Sources (Source 500)           | 3,960.00             | 4,060.33               | 8,500.00                         |
| State Sources (Source 600)                  | 3,446,069.38         | 3,009,467.91           | 2,744,767.00                     |
| Federal Sources (Source 700)                | 128,299.63           | 189,225.09             | 161,995.00                       |
| All Other Sources (Source 800 + 900)        | 28,300.02            | 49,615.11              | 15,500.00                        |
| TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES    | 7,660,337.67         | 8,267,344.58           | 7,575,713.00                     |
| EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES         |                      |                        |                                  |
| Instruction (Function 100 000)              | 3,256,605.79         | 3,414,732.76           | 3,335,641.00                     |
| Support Services (Function 200 000)         | 2,618,782.50         | 3,010,745.31           | 2,956,527.00                     |
| Non-Program Transactions (Function 400 000) | 1,522,490.64         | 1,493,766.73           | 1,579,895.00                     |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES   | 7,397,878.93         | 7,919,244.80           | 7,872,063.00                     |

| SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND               | Audited<br>2024-2025 | Unaudited<br>2025-2026 | PRELIMINARY 2026-<br>2027 BUDGET |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Beginning Fund Balance              | 154,947.80           | 164,766.60             | 195,946.47                       |
| Ending Fund Balance                 | 164,766.60           | 195,946.47             | 175,946.47                       |
| REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES  | 1,175,116.27         | 1,272,802.68           | 1,218,346.00                     |
| EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES | 1,165,297.47         | 1,241,622.81           | 1,238,346.00                     |

| DEBT SERVICE FUND                   | Audited<br>2024-2025 | Unaudited<br>2025-2026 | PRELIMINARY 2026-<br>2027 BUDGET |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Beginning Fund Balance              | 19,118.91            | 17,627.36              | 16,153.75                        |
| Ending Fund Balance                 | 17,627.36            | 16,153.75              | 14,477.75                        |
| REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES  | 291,597.31           | 292,265.25             | 292,538.00                       |
| EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES | 293,088.86           | 293,738.86             | 294,214.00                       |

| CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND               | Audited<br>2024-2025 | Unaudited<br>2025-2026 | PRELIMINARY 2026-<br>2027 BUDGET |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Beginning Fund Balance              | 519,297.38           | 537,063.19             | 571,919.72                       |
| Ending Fund Balance                 | 537,063.19           | 571,919.72             | 601,919.72                       |
| REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES  | 298,284.81           | 34,856.53              | 30,000.00                        |
| EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES | 280,519.00           | 0.00                   | 0.00                             |

| FOOD SERVICE FUND                   | Audited<br>2024-2025 | Unaudited<br>2025-2026 | PRELIMINARY 2026-<br>2027 BUDGET |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Beginning Fund Balance              | 0.00                 | 0.00                   | 0.00                             |
| Ending Fund Balance                 | 0.00                 | 0.00                   | 0.00                             |
| REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES  | 414,752.23           | 406,617.16             | 403,647.00                       |
| EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES | 414,752.23           | 406,617.16             | 403,647.00                       |

Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

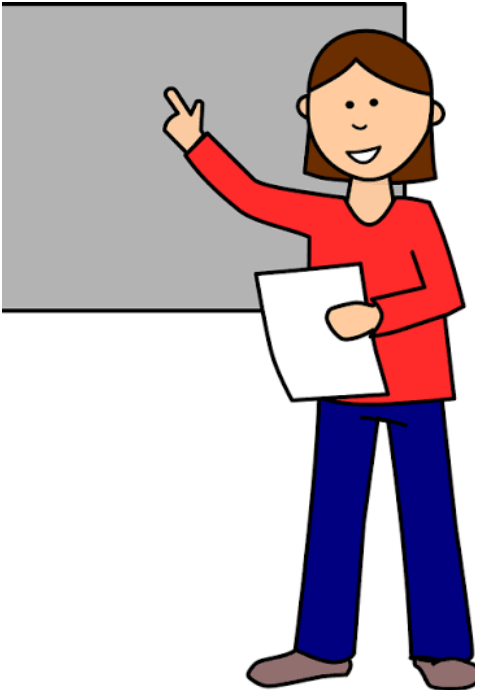
| ALL FUNDS                                                            | Audited<br>2024-2025 | Unaudited<br>2025-2026 | PRELIMINARY 2026-<br>2027 BUDGET |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| GROSS TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS                                | 9,551,536.49         | 9,861,223.63           | 9,808,270.00                     |
| Interfund Transfers (Source 100) - ALL FUNDS                         | 832,777.54           | 696,000.00             | 735,293.00                       |
| Refinancing Expenditures (FUND 30)                                   | 0.00                 | 0.00                   | 0.00                             |
| NET TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS                                  | 8,718,758.95         | 9,165,223.63           | 9,072,977.00                     |
| PERCENTAGE INCREASE - NET TOTAL FUND<br>EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR YEAR |                      | 5.12%                  | -1.01%                           |

PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY

| FUND                                                 | Audited<br>2024-2025 | Unaudited<br>2025-2026 | PRELIMINARY 2026-<br>2027 BUDGET |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| General Fund                                         | 3,358,161.00         | 3,875,619.00           | 4,107,431.00                     |
| Referendum Debt Service Fund                         | 0.00                 | 0.00                   | 0.00                             |
| Non-Referendum Debt Service Fund                     | 223,268.00           | 291,538.00             | 291,538.00                       |
| Capital Expansion Fund                               | 0.00                 | 0.00                   | 0.00                             |
| Community Service Fund                               | 0.00                 | 0.00                   | 0.00                             |
| TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY                                    | 3,581,429.00         | 4,167,157.00           | 4,398,969.00                     |
| PERCENTAGE INCREASE --<br>TOTAL LEVY FROM PRIOR YEAR |                      | 16.35%                 | 5.56%                            |



Rio School District Budget Publication



LOCAL WORSHIP

OLIVET CONGREGATIONAL  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Worship: Sunday at 9 am  
Sunday School: after Worship - 10 am

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Web page: [olivetucc.org](http://olivetucc.org)

313 W. Prairie St.  
Columbus WI 53925

 **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

**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.

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



**Bonnet Prairie Lutheran**  
In Person Service,  
plus Zoom & Parking lot  
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**Sunday**  
Sunday School will be the  
first and third Sunday of the  
month beginning in  
September.  
(Sept. will be 2nd & 3rd Sunday)  
8:30 to 9:20 am.  
Sunday School is for  
students age 3-High School.

9:30 am Worship  
Council Meets 3rd 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.fbcrio.org

Come join us to pray, sing and worship our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. Study the Bible, the Word of God, chapter by chapter, verse by verse and word by word. Jesus is THE WAY, THE TRUTH & THE LIFE!.

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
9:00 AM **WORSHIP-STUDYING THE BOOK OF ISAIAH  
AFTER WORSHIP COFFEE & COOKIE FELLOWSHIP  
FOLLOWED BY SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES**

**SUNDAY EVENING:** Youth Group - 5:00 PM  
**MONDAY:** Time of Prayer & Praise - 3:00 PM  
**TUESDAY:** Women's Bible Study, Summer Break, Resumes 8/4/26  
**WEDNESDAY:** Apologetics Class - 6:00 PM  
**1ST SUNDAY/MONTH:** Communion  
**2ND SATURDAY/MONTH:** Mens Prayer Breakfast - 7:00 AM

**Sermons can be heard on  
[www.fbrio.org](http://www.fbrio.org) or on Facebook**

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

Community Resources

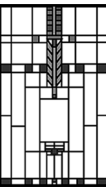


**WYOCENA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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,  
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**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  
website: www.riolibrary.org



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Please review the guidelines  
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**Bread Basket**  
**COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**  
Located in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, Entrance on Towyn 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.

 **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  
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**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.

**RIO FOOD PANTRY**  
104 Lincoln Ave., Rio  
Serving the Rio, Otsego, Doylestown, Cambria and Friesland areas/School Districts.  
**OPEN 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month**  
**10:00 AM – Noon**  
**EVERY 4<sup>th</sup> 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:  
Jim Nelson (608) 513-0552 or 992-3618  
Bob Risgaard (920) 992-5258  
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**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 Leaser \* 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

**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.

RIO COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ENERGY EFFICIENCY EXEMPTION

| § 121.91 (4) (o) Revenue Limit Exemption for Energy Efficiencies-Evaluation of the Energy Performance Indicators                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                    |                                |                          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Name of Qualified Contractor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Honeywell          |                                |                          |
| Performance Contract Length (years)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                    | 15 years                       |                          |
| Total Project Cost (including financing)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                    | \$2,261,277                    |                          |
| Total Project Payback Period                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                    | 14.10 years                    |                          |
| Years of Debt Payments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                    | 15 years                       |                          |
| Remaining Useful Life of the Facility                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                    | 50 years                       |                          |
| Prior Year Resolution Expense Amount                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Fiscal Year        | 2025-2026                      | \$193,737                |
| Current Year Debt Levy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Fiscal Year        | 2026-2027                      | \$194,269                |
| Utility Savings applied in Prior Year to Debt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Fiscal Year        | 2025-2026                      | \$67,971                 |
| Sum of reported Utility Savings to be applied to Debt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                    |                                | \$ 70,010                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                    | Savings Reported for 2024-2025 |                          |
| Specific Energy Efficiency Measure or Products                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Guaranteed Savings | Verified Utility Savings       | Non-Utility Cost Savings |
| Electricity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | \$ 19,178          | \$ 21,882                      |                          |
| Electricity Demand                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | \$ 10,217          | \$ 11,566                      |                          |
| Natural Gas                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | \$ 21,997          | \$ 23,214                      |                          |
| Operational Savings                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | \$ 13,348          |                                | \$ 13,348                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                    |                                |                          |
| Total Cost Savings for 2025-2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | \$ 64,740          | \$ 56,662                      | \$ 13,348                |
| Rio Community School District entered into an Energy Services Agreement with Honeywell Energy Services Group on February 15, 2017.<br><br>This program funded a \$1,756,777 investment that addressed energy improvements, deferred maintenance and operational enhancements.<br><br>The project is expected to save \$2,781,725 in utility and operational savings and capital cost avoidance over the fifteen-year term of the agreement. All work was completed and final closeout of the project was in February, 2018. The energy guarantee for the project began March 1, 2018 and will be in effect for 15 years.<br><br>**The verified savings listed above were reported to the District in an Annual Energy Reconciliation Report prepared by Honeywell.<br><br>(Guarantee Year 7 - March 2024 to February 2025. |                    |                                |                          |



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**RIO COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
411 Church Street, Rio, Wisconsin 53960

**2026-2027 BUDGET HEARING  
AND ANNUAL MEETING**

Date: Monday, September 21, 2026  
Time: 6:00 PM  
Place: Rio Middle/High School Commons

**AGENDA: BUDGET HEARING**

I. Call Meeting to Order - Carley Young, Board President  
II. Presentation of the 2026-2027 Budget - Paula Glaser  
III. Adjourn Budget Hearing

**AGENDA: ANNUAL MEETING**

I. Call Meeting to Order  
II. Report of Notification of Meeting  
III. Declare the Meeting to be Official  
IV. Election of Chairperson  
V. Minutes of 2025-2026 Annual Meeting  
VI. 2025-2030 Strategic Plan  
VII. Board of Education Goals Report  
VIII. Building Goals Reports  
IX. Auditor's Report - Jordan Noyes, Board Treasurer  
X. Old Business  
    1.  
    2.  
XI. New Business  
    1.  
    2.  
XII. Business From the Floor  
XIII. Adjourn

**HALL RENTAL**

Rio American Legion

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**RIO MS/HIGH SCHOOL  
ATHLETIC SCHEDULE**

8 SEP, TUE

- 5:30pm Volleyball: Girls JV Dual vs Cambria at Home
- 7pm Volleyball: Girls Varsity Dual vs Cambria at Home

10 SEP, THU

- 4:30 pm Cross Country: HS Invite w/ Multiple Schools vs Poynette at Shepherd's Meadow Golf Course
- 5:45pm Volleyball: Girls JV Dual vs Randolph at Away
- 7:15pm Volleyball: Girls Varsity Dual vs Randolph at Away

11 SEP, FRI

- Volleyball: Girls Varsity Invitational vs Reedsburg at Just a Game Fieldhouse in WI Dells
- 7pm Football: Varsity Game Fall River/Rio vs Lourdes Academy at Fall River Athletic Field

12 SEP, SAT

- Volleyball: Girls Varsity Invitational vs TBD at Just a Game Field House in WI Dells

14 SEP, MON

- Football: JV Game Fall River/ Rio vs Lourdes Academy at UW Oshkosh

18 SEP, FRI

- 4:30pm Cross Country: HS Invitational vs Multiple Schools at Home
- 6pm Cross Country: MS Invitational vs Multiple Schools at Home
- 7pm Football: Varsity Game Fall River/Rio vs Parkview/ Albany at Parkview HS

**NOTICE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET  
HEARING AND ANNUAL MEETING**

(Section 120.08(1))

Notice is hereby given to qualified electors of the Rio Community School District that the Annual Meeting of said district for the transaction of business will be held in the Middle/High School Commons on Monday, the 21st day of September, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Dated this 18th day of May 2026  
Beth Laufenberg, District Clerk  
Rio Board of Education

**Stork Watch**

Area Birth Announcements

**Have 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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