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MAY 8 & 9th, 2026

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**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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MONDAY-Ground Round Steak w/Mushroom Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Cut Green Beans, Whole Fruit, WW Roll.

TUESDAY-Ham, Broccoli & Rice Casserole, Baby Carrots, Tropical Fruit, WW Roll.

WEDNESDAY-BBQ Country Style Ribs, Baked Sweet Potato, Pinto Beans, Mandarin Oranges.

THURSDAY- Tater Tot Casserole, Lettuce Salad w/ Dressing, WW Roll, Applesauce.

FRIDAY- Baked Cod w/Tartar Sauce, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts, Mixed Fruit, WW Roll.

MARCH 16-MARCH 20, 2026

MONDAY-Chicken Cordon Bleu, Rice Pilaf, Cut Green Beans, Fruit Cup, WW Roll.

TUESDAY-Corn Beef Cabbage, Carrots, Redskin Potatoes, Rye Bread, Pistachio Salad.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken Ala King w/Biscuit, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit Cocktail, BB Brownie.

THURSDAY- Kielbasa w/Kraut, Au Gratin Potatoes, Baked Beans, Peaches, WW Roll.

FRIDAY- Tuna Casserole, California Blend, Veggies, Apple Slaw, Cookie.

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Managing Your Money

Your Bank, Your Way: Choosing the Right Bank for Your Needs

(NAPS)—Even with so many banking options available today, finding the one that fits your needs can be simple. The right bank should be more than a place where you keep your money; it should offer benefits and services that grow with you.

When it comes to finding the right bank, here are common financial scenarios you might consider.

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VILLAGE OF RIO GARAGE SALES

MAY 8th & 9th 2026

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MARCH 12, 2026 - 4:30 to 6 pm

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Rio Community School District



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Middle/High School
411 Church St.
Rio, WI 53960
920-992-3141 / Fax: 920-992-3157

Dr. Michael Lichucki
Superintendent
Elementary Principal

Mr. Matt Davis
MS/HS Principal

Rio Elementary School will be having a Little Viking's Round-up day for all children that are 2 ½ to 4 years of age. We also encourage children that did not come last year to come this year before they start early learning in the fall. The Little Vikings Round-up day will take place on March 13th, 2026 from 8:30am to 1:30pm where you and your child can come and check out the elementary school and get to know the teachers. The Little Vikings Round-Up day will also include vision, hearing, academic, and speech/language screening via a number of fun activities designed to compare their play, socialization, motor skills, and overall development to levels of other children their age. This is known as the process called Child find. Child Find is a continuous process of public awareness activities, screening and evaluation designed to locate, identify, and refer as early as possible all young children with disabilities and their families who are in need of an Early Intervention Program (Part C) or Early Childhood Special Education (Part B) services of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Rio School District must locate, identify, and evaluate all resident children with disabilities, including children with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities.

Little Vikings Round-Up Day at Rio Elementary School

Friday, March 13th, 2026 8:30AM To 1:30PM

To sign up to attend, please go to the link below, or use the QR code:

<https://bit.ly/4q8l9aH>



Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on March 13th at Rio Elementary School!

Kailey Corning- Early Childhood Special Education Teacher
corning@rio.k12.wi.us

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Savvy Senior
by Jim Miller



Is Your Aging Parent Safe at Home?

Dear Savvy Senior,

After watching the coverage of the Nancy Guthrie kidnaping case, I'm worried about my own elderly mother who lives alone in another state. I want to make sure she's safe without being intrusive. Are there simple, affordable ways to check in on her from afar?

--Concerned Son

Dear Concerned,

You're not alone. High-profile cases like this often heighten fears, especially for adult children whose parents live alone and may be vulnerable. The good news is there are several free or low-cost ways to stay connected and gain peace of mind without infringing on your mother's independence. Here are some nice options to consider.

Check-In App

If your mother uses a smartphone, a simple solution is Snug (snugsafe.com), a free app that checks in daily to confirm she's OK. It's used by tens of thousands of older adults who live alone and want their loved ones alerted quickly if something goes wrong. Here's how it works: After downloading the app, your mother selects a daily check-in time. Snug sends several reminders leading up to that time, prompting her to confirm she's OK by tapping a large green button on her screen. If she doesn't check in within 10 minutes after her scheduled time, the app automatically notifies her emergency contacts and shares her last known location so help can be sent promptly.

For added peace of mind, Snug also offers a Dispatch Plan (\$20 per month or \$200 per year) that includes multiple daily check-ins. If she misses one, Snug will call her directly to see if she's OK. If there's still no response, they can request an in-person wellness check by local authorities, who will visit her home to make sure she's safe. The app works with both iPhone and Android devices.

Check-In Calls

If your mother doesn't use a smartphone, a daily check-in call program can provide similar reassurance. Many police or sheriff's departments nationwide offer telephone reassurance programs, often free of charge. Typically, an automated system calls at a set time each day. If she answers, all is well. If she doesn't pick up after repeated attempts, or the call goes to voicemail, her emergency contact is notified. If that contact can't be reached, backup contacts are called. As a last resort, local police or emergency services may be dispatched to her home.

To see if this service is available in your mother's community, call her local police department's nonemergency number or the Area Agency on Aging at 800-677-1116. If no local program exists, private companies like CareCall or Confirm OK offer similar services for a monthly fee.

Technology Aids

You might also consider simple home technology to enhance her safety. Monitored medical alert systems are among the most common – wearable "help buttons," some with fall detection, that allow her to call for help 24/7 while immediately notifying you. These typically cost around \$1 per day.

Other options include motion or contact sensors placed around the home to track daily routines and alert you to unusual activity, or a small security camera with two-way audio, night vision and motion detection. Basic sensors and cameras can cost under \$35, though they require Wi-Fi and do raise privacy considerations, so it's important to discuss them with your mother beforehand.

While no solution can eliminate every risk, these tools can provide meaningful peace of mind, for both you and your mother, while preserving her independence.

Send your questions or comments to questions@savvysenior.org, or to Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070.



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

Ash Wednesday Service - Feb 18th at 7 pm
Soup Suppers, Bible Study and Worship every Wednesday
February 25th through March 25th - 6 pm

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

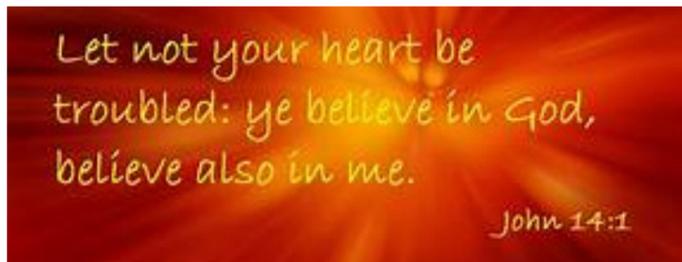
SUNDAY EVENING: Prayer and Praise - 5:00 PM

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



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

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Wyocena Community Church

wyocenachurch.com
608.434.2470

164 E. Franklin St
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
website: www.riolibrary.org



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

**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.

"Darkness cannot drive out
darkness; only light can do
that. Hate cannot drive out
hate; only love can do that."

Martin Luther King Jr.



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 seat-
ed event. The facility has AC, a gas stove, mi-
crowaves, refrigerator, with tables and chairs al-
ready in place. If interested in renting call Jerry at
920 988-3389 or George at 920 382-3588.

**Rio Depot Park
Shelter**

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

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

The Thornton Thompson Building

AKA Molstad's Drug Store AKA Heath's Grocery, and later the home of Danny's Clothing Store, then Kundert's.



In the late 1800's Thorton Thompson built what became one of the oldest wooden structures known as the Thornton Thompson Building on the corner of Lincoln Avenue and High Street. It first housed a general store, then in 1901 it became a drug store occupied by E.C. Molstad until 1929 when he moved his pharmacy to the Shew Building where Reierson Realty is now. His store had been in Rio for 37 years. It was the longest running business in Rio after Milo Phelps. At that time, it became Heaths Grocery Store. Heath eventually left Rio and started a store in Portage. The upstairs over Heaths Grocery Store was the office of Dr. W.A. Pease. The building was damaged by fire and around 1946 it was purchased by Harold Feuling who planned to salvage the lumber for a construction project in Sun Prairie. The lot was left with a huge hole in it and was purchased by Vern Adams who filled in the hole and used the lot to park overflow cars from his dealership. In 1953 the lot was sold to Danny Hall who built a clothing store there after he outgrew the space next door in the Benson Building.

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

RURAL AREA RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS

PLEASE HELP US HELP YOU!!



Keep your driveways and property entrances clear of Overhanging trees, brush and other obstacles.

Fire Dept. and Emergency Equipment and Vehicles that are used to respond to a call require a minimum clearance of 14 feet high and 12 feet wide

Our goal is to be able to reach you as Quickly and safely as possible.



Courtesy of . . .

Rio Fire Dept. & Fall River Fire Dept.

Rio Shopper

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Email info: rioshoppernews@gmail.com
www.columbiacountynewshub.com



Offices Hours: Call Ahead
(CLOSED Saturday, Sunday & Holidays)

CLASSIFIED ADS must be paid for BEFORE publication. Please have your credit/debit card ready when you call.

DEADLINES:

Display Ads - Monday at 5 PM
Classifieds - Tuesday 10 AM
HOLIDAYS require EARLIER DEADLINES!
Watch for notice of exact dates.

Thank You - \$20 • Special Occasion ads - \$35

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- Mother's Day
- Engagement
- Wedding
- Father's Day
- Anniversary
- Sweethearts
- Graduation
- ANY OCCASION
- Birthday
- Mother's Day
- Engagement
- Wedding

Place a **SPECIAL OCCASION** ad in the Rio Shopper for only

\$35

No extra charge for photo

To place your ad, call: **Rio Shopper**

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View the current Shopper at:
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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