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<p>April 20th 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm</p> <p>Beef Tips over Mashed</p>	<p>April 27th 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm</p> <p>Roast Pork Loin, Little Red Potato, Apple-sauce, Coleslaw, Roll & Dessert</p>	<p>May 2nd</p> <p>LR's Bass Tournament</p> 	<p>May 4th 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm</p> <p>Chicken Alfredo, Garlic Bread, Salad & Dessert</p>
<p>May 7th 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm</p> <p>Spaghetti Dinner To Go! Garlic Bread, Dessert</p> <p>\$12.99</p>	<p>Marks Market & Catering 920-992-5220</p> <p>May 7th thru May 9th GARAGE SALE INSIDE MARK'S MARKET! Thurs., 2pm-6pm; Fri. 8am-5pm; Sat. 9am-2pm 108 Lincoln Ave., Rio (More info to Come)</p> <p>WELCOME BACK CAMPERS!! Happy Mother's Day . . . Make It Special!</p>		<p>May 9th 11 am to 2 pm</p> <p>Annual Brat Fry! Drive Thru behind Mark's Market...</p> <p>"Brats for Bison"</p>
<p>May 11th</p> <p>BBQ Ribs - 1/2 Rack Dinner w/ Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll & Dessert. OR, Full Rack with no meal.</p>	<p>May 18th</p> <p>Swiss Steak, Mashed Potato, Veggie, Roll & Dessert.</p> <p>CALL AHEAD!</p>		<p>May 24th 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm</p> <p>Legion Brat Fry!</p> <p>Rio Depot Grounds</p>
<p>May 25th</p> <p>Baked Ham, Baked Potato, Scalloped Corn, Roll & Dessert</p>	<p>It's not too early for us to help you with your graduation party!</p> 		

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Rio Community Library
April News & Events
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 (920) 992-3206 www.riolibrary.org

Monthly Events:	Special Events:
The Rio Community Library Board meets on the 2nd Monday of the month. All are welcome.	Apr. 15 @ 6:00 p.m. Rio Reads Sand County Almanac at the Library
The Book Club book is Let Us Descend by Jasmyn Ward. Copies available upon request.	Apr. 17 @ 8:00 a.m. Rio Reads Sand County Almanac at Mama Chaz's Cafe
Storytime is on Wednesdays at 9:30 am. Any child 5 and under with their parents can attend.	Apr. 22 @ 6:00 p.m. Rio Reads Sand County Almanac at the Library
Lego Club meets every Thursday from 3:30 pm to 4:45 pm. All ages are welcome!	Apr. 10 @ 1:00 p.m. Adult Movie: Nuremberg

Upcoming Events:
 The Library will be open 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on April 3rd and we will be closed April 4th.
 We had a wonderful presentation from the Aldo Leopold Society in March and we invite everyone to continue that discussion of "The Sand County Almanac" with our Rio Reads program. Books will be available at the library to keep while supplies last. Come to whichever that fits your schedule.

A Holiday Gift for that Military Veteran
Rio American Legion Memorial Bricks

The Rio American Legion has Memorial Bricks for you to honor your veteran, and to provide a way to let others know of their service to this great country. The cost is \$100 per brick. Each brick will be etched with the veteran's name and other significant items of their service. Once completed, the brick can be placed in our Memorial Park on Rio's main street or kept at a site of the families choosing. Please give us a contact number and make the check out to the Rio American Legion. You may call Jerry at 920-988-3389 for more information. Mail the order form and check the Rio American Legion, Box 91, Wis, 53960.

Suggested information:
 4 lines with 17 spaces per line ONLY. Please print each letter/number clearly as what you put down is what gets cut into the stone.

Veteran's Name/Rank

Military Branch & Unit

Duty Station/Ship

Dates of Service - Beginning and end

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Friday & Saturday, May 8 & 9


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MAY 8th & 9th
2026

Columbia County Senior Dining Menu

APRIL 20-APRIL 24, 2026


MONDAY-Beef Stew w/Biscuit, Cottage Cheese w/Fruit, Cookie.
TUESDAY-Baked Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Pears, WW Roll.
WEDNESDAY-Meatloaf, Au Gratin Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Tropical Fruit, WW Roll.
THURSDAY- Grilled Chicken Breast, Rice Pilaf, Hot Beets, 5 Cup Fruit Salad.
FRIDAY- Sloppy Joes w/Bun, Carrot Coins, Pinto Beans w/ Bacon & Onions, Banana.

APRIL 27-MAY 1, 2026

MONDAY-Brat w/Bun, Hot German Potato Salad, 3 Bean Salad, Orange.
TUESDAY-Beef Roast, Potatoes, Onions & Carrots, Peaches, WW Roll.
WEDNESDAY-Lasagna w/Spinach, Cut Green Beans, Tropical Fruit, Bread Stick.
THURSDAY- BBQ Chicken Legs, Roasted Potatoes, California Blend, Veggies, Pears, WW Roll.
FRIDAY- Baked Cod w/Tartar Sauce, Baked Potato w/Sour Cream, Peas & Carrots, Apple Sauce, WW Roll.

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RIO LIBRARY NEWS . . .

Important information from the Rio Community Library

Changes are coming to the Rio Community Library and LINKcat on April 17, 2026

LINKcat will be unavailable from 5 pm Sunday, April 12 through Friday, April 17

During this offline period:
No overdue fees
Holds won't expire
No items are due April 13-April 17

The Rio Library will be closed April 13 and April 14 when LINKcat is unavailable.

Your PIN will be reset. Please call us to find out the new format or if you have any other questions.

For the most current schedules go to your school website

Rio Baseball

Tuesday, April 21

Varsity vs. Pardeeville 5:00

Thursday, April 23

Varsity @ Pardeeville 5:00

Monday, April 27

Varsity vs. Randolph/Cambria-Friesland 5:00

Thursday, April 30

Varsity @ Randolph/Cambria-Friesland 5:00

Fall River Baseball

Saturday, April 18

Var. vs. Randolph/Cambria-Friesland 10:30

Tuesday, April 21

Varsity @ Montello 5:00

Thursday, April 23

Varsity vs. Montello 5:00

Saturday, April 25

Var. Doubleheader @ Williams Bay 10:00

Friday, May 1

Varsity vs. Cambridge 5:00

Rio/Fall River Softball

Saturday, April 18

Varsity Triangular @ Parkview 10:00

Monday, April 20

Varsity vs. Cambria-Friesland 4:00

Friday, April 24

Varsity @ Markesan 5:00

Tuesday, April 28

Varsity vs. Pardeville 5:00

Thursday, April 30

Varsity @ Montello 5:00

Rio Track & Field

Tuesday, April 21

Track Meet @ Princeton 5:00

Thursday, April 23

Track Invitational @ Princeton 4:00

Tuesday, April 28

Track Meet @ Rio 5:00

Friday, May 1

Track Meet @ Wautoma 4:00

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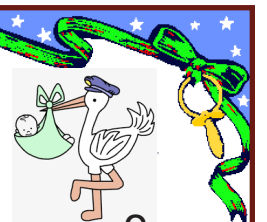
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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Assessor will hold Open Book for the Village of Fall River by phone on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 from 12:00 pm (noon) to 5:00 pm. Information on how to file an objection to your assessment will be available for you. If you would like to set up an appointment, please contact Associated Appraisal Consultants at 920-749-1995.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Review for the Village of Fall River, Columbia County, Wisconsin, shall hold its first meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm., at the Fall River Village Hall, 641 S Main Street, Fall River, WI 53932. Please call 920-484-3525 if you would like to set up an appointment.

Marie Abegglen
Village of Fall River
Clerk-Treasurer



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**Friday & Saturday,
May 8 & 9TH**

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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

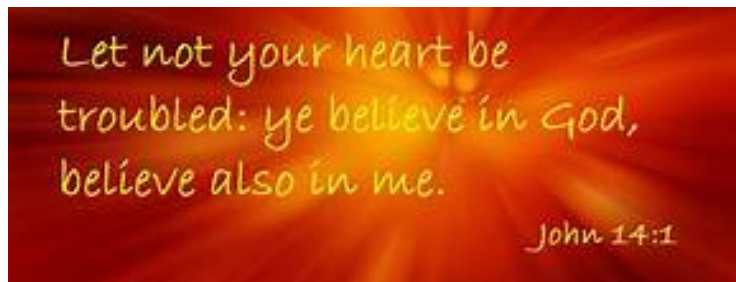
SUNDAY EVENING: Prayer and Praise - 5:00 PM
TUESDAY'S: Women's Bible Study, 9:30 AM

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

 **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 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
 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

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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.

Get Ready for Spring!!



Reds Mobile Repair LLC
 115 Hwy 16, Rio
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- Summerize your Snowmobiles now
 - ATV/Motorcycle Repair
- We repair all make of hand held equipment: Chainsaws, Weed-eaters, etc.
- Saw chain & mower blade sharpening \$8
 - Push mower tune-up \$45 & up
 - Rider tune-up \$75 & up



Tune up include: Oil & filter change, replace air & fuel filters, sharpen & balance blade, wash & grease unit, lubricate cables, adjust tire pressure and check deck level.

~35 Years Experience

~Pickup & delivery, no contact available

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 Hotel Anna Fire

On Friday evening April 11, 1913, George Phelps led a group of firemen and volunteers in a successful effort to save his business, Phelps Hardware, the one his father Milo Phelps founded in 1882. The business was in danger due to the Hotel Anna fire. The Hotel Anna was located right across West Rio Street from the side of the Hardware Store in the location of the Depot. A defective stove pipe was believed to be the cause of the fire. A strong north wind and flying embers from the fire put other buildings at risk. George saved his building by putting a large number of men on the roof and running a bucket brigade, having pails of water passed up to them and dumped on the roof. The fire generated intense heat. The water running off Phelps Hardware was reported to be boiling hot and A window in the Masonic Hall (currently Marks Market) cracked from the heat.



This photo shows the remains of Hotel Anna with the Phelps building in the background on the left.

By: Darlene Lerum

RIO HISTORY AD SPONSORED BY:



A tree grows,
 a memory lives on...

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Funeral Service

401 Angel Way Rio / 119 Industrial Dr. Pardeeville
 920-992-3434 or 608-429-2020

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Save the Date

ANNUAL
 DRIVE-THRU
 BRAT
 FRY

MAY 9th
 2026

11am to 2 pm

Behind Mark's
 Market

Proceeds
 going to the
 MacKenzie
 Center

The Rio Shopper



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Save the Date

VILLAGE
 OF RIO
 GARAGE
 SALES

MAY 8th & 9th
 2026

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



DAVID HINZMAN

David Hinzman served in the US Marines in the 1950s. The Rio American Legion is presenting Dave with a quilt for his honorable service to this great country. From the viewer's left is Dale Gajdosik (Chaplain), Ken Denure (Vice-commander), Terry Schraufnagel (Commander), Joe Hartley (member at large). Seated is David Hinzman.

HELP STOP

PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY!

TAKE THE MYSTERY OUT OF FIRE PLAY
 by teaching your children that fire is a tool - NOT A TOY!

Courtesy of . . .
 Rio Fire Dept. &
 Fall River Fire Dept.

FIRES

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!

920-992-5253

RIO FIREMEN'S PARK FACILITIES 2026

To make reservations for use of the school house or shelter at the Firemen's Park - Call Todd Bateson at 608-683-9094.

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