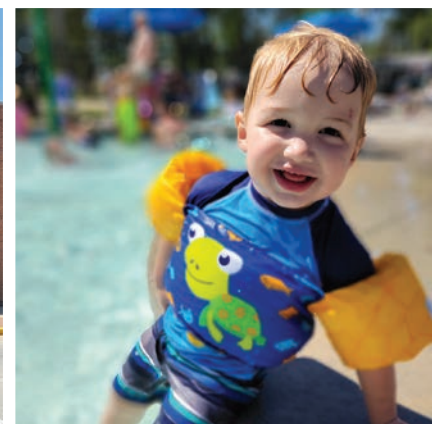


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2023 GUIDE



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Welcome!

The outdoors come alive in Columbia County. Come explore our 11,000 acres of lakes, 16,000 acres of public hunting and wildlife land, 49 miles of trout streams, 27 boat landings and 3,000 campsites. Columbia County is conveniently located in south-central Wisconsin. The County is just short drive from metropolitan areas: Madison is less than an hour's drive; Milwaukee and Rockford, less than two hours, and Chicago less than four.

Year round recreation and opportunities for relaxation are all available in Columbia County. Come for the golf, biking, canoeing, boating and fishing. Come to visit the National Scenic Ice Age Trail, Wisconsin Dells, The Wisconsin River and Lake Wisconsin. Enjoy snowmobiling, skiing and ice fishing. Experience Columbia County's variety of accommodations including everything from full-service resorts to intimate bed and breakfast inns.

Remember to leave time to explore the Historic Legacy in Columbia County. The County is rich in historic architecture, charming historic shopping areas, and historic sites dating back to our American Indian roots.

Scenic natural beauty, an abundance of year round leisure sports, the historic legacy and enviable antiques combine to make Columbia County "the place to create lifetime experiences."

Come to Live, Work & Play!

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**COLUMBIA COUNTY MAP
LOCATED IN THE CENTER**

COMMUNITIES

City of Columbus
920-623-5900
cityofcolumbuswi.com

City of Lodi
608-592-3247
cityoflodi.us

City of Portage
608-742-2176
portagewi.gov

City of Wisconsin Dells
608-254-2012
citywd.org

Village of Arlington
608-635-2474
arlingtonwi.com

Village of Cambria
920-348-5443
cambriawisconsin.com

Village of Doylestown
920-992-3648

Village of Fall River
920-484-3535
fallriverwisconsin.com

Village of Friesland
920-348-5156
villageoffriesland.com

Village of Pardeeville
608-429-3121
villageofpardeeville.net

Village of Poynette
608-635-2122
poynette-wi.gov

Village of Randolph
920-326-4600
randolphwis.com

Village of Rio
920-992-5454
riowi.us

Village of Wyocena
608-429-2349
villageofwyocena.com

LOCAL CONTACTS

Columbia County Offices
608-742-9801
www.co.columbia.wi.us

UW Extension-Columbia County
608-742-9680
https://columbia.extension.wisc.edu

CHAMBERS

Cambria-Friesland
920-348-6090
cfachamber.com

Columbus
920-623-3699
columbuswichamber.com

Fall River
920-350-1680
fallriverwisconsin.com
fallriverwichamber@gmail.com

Lodi & Lake Wisconsin
608-592-4412
lodilakewisconsin.org

Pardeeville Area Business Assoc.

Facebook: Pardeeville Area Business Association

Portage
608-742-6242
or 800-474-2525
portagewi.com

Poynette
608-635-2425
poynettechamber.com

Randolph
920-326-4769
randolphwi.net

Wisconsin Dells
800-223-3557
wisdells.com



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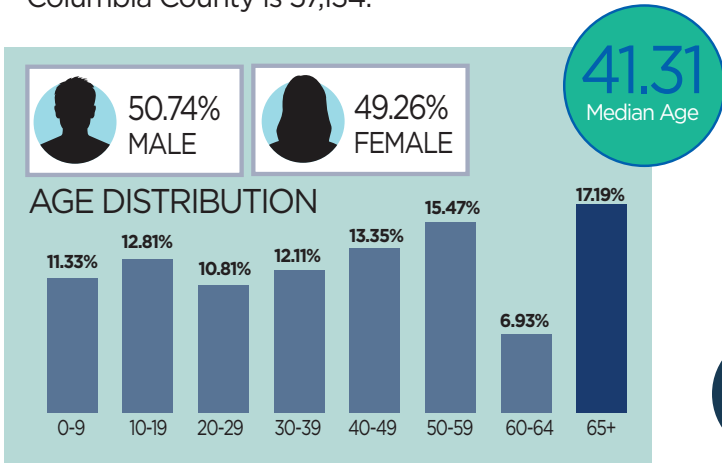
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COUNTY STATISTICS

TOTAL POPULATION

57,134

The total population of the County of Columbia County is 57,134.



INCOME AND SPENDING

Workers in Columbia County earn a median yearly household income of \$60,899. 50.75% of the households earn more than the national average each year. Household expenditures average \$57,066 per year. The majority of earnings get spent on Shelter, Transportation, Food and Beverages, Health Care and Utilities.

There are 186% more households who own their homes than there are renters.



HOUSEHOLD INCOME
\$60,899

10% MORE THAN THE STATE

9% MORE THAN THE NATION

WORK

Top 10 Public & Private Sector Employers in Columbia County

COMPANY

1. Aspirus Divine Savior Healthcare
2. County of Columbia
3. Portage Community School District
4. Penda Corporation
5. Associated Milk Producers, Inc.
6. Columbia Correctional Facility
7. Saint-Gobain Corporation
8. Wal-Mart
9. Robbins Manufacturing
10. Columbus Community Hospital

PRODUCT OR SERVICE

- General medical & surgical hospitals
- Executive & legislative offices, combined
- Education
- All other plastic product manufacturing
- Dairy product merchant wholesalers
- Correctional institutions
- Plastic product manufacturing
- Department store
- Metal fabrication
- Health care & services



LABOR FORCE

31,775

Columbia County has a labor force of 31,775 people with a job growth rate of 6.4% from 2015-2019 and an unemployment rate of 1.7% (Dec. 2021)

TOP 5 INDUSTRIES BY JOB

MANUFACTURING
5,950

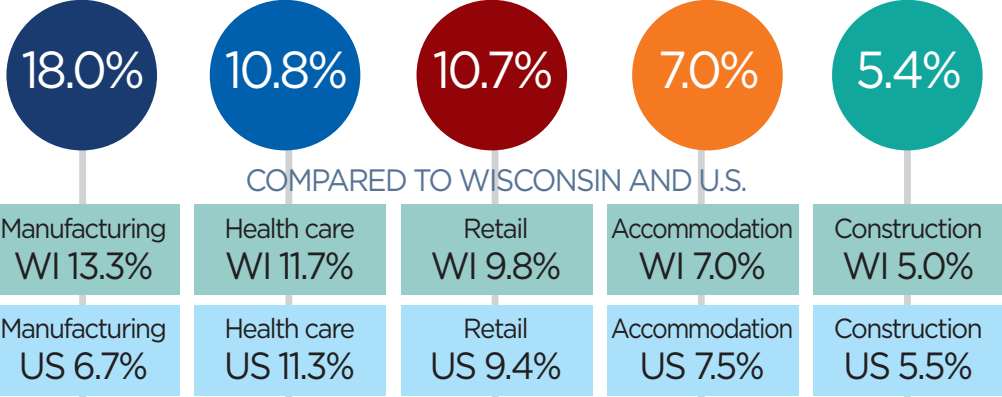
EDUCATION & HEALTH
3,551

TRADE, TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES
3,520

LEISURE & HOSPITALITY
2,310

CONSTRUCTION
1,793

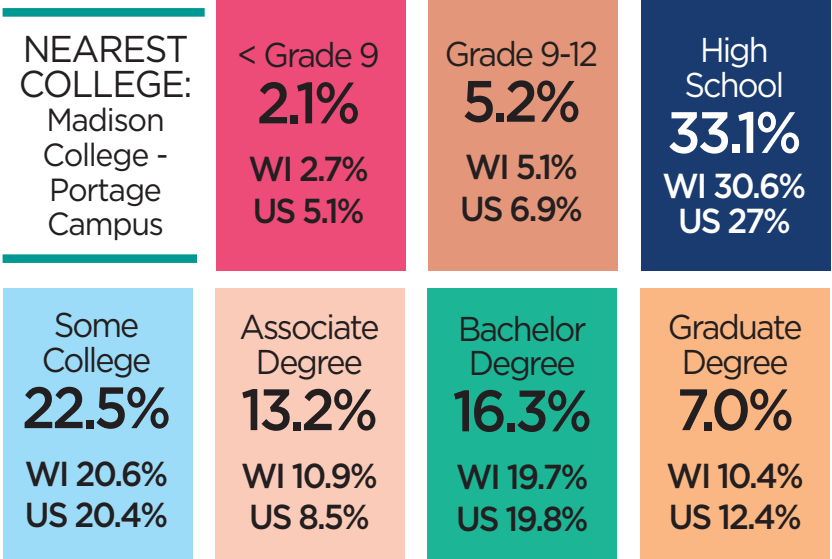
TOP EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY IN COLUMBIA COUNTY



TOTAL NUMBER OF JOBS IN COLUMBIA COUNTY: 33,010

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

The majority of the population in Columbia County has completed at least a high school degree.



Source: Applied Geographic Solutions 2016 - MadREP; Columbia County; U.S. Census Bureau; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; 2019 Workforce Profile by the State of Wisconsin, Department of Workforce Development; UW Extension Center for Community and Economic Development. *As reported on the 2019 Workforce Profile by the State of Wisconsin, Department of Workforce Development. *Wisconsin Technical College System stats.

HOW DO WE PLAY?

Check out this guide for all the fun things to do in the County!

FUN FACT:

The Merrimac Ferry is the lone survivor of upwards of 500 ferries chartered by territorial and state legislatures before the turn of the century. It is the last free ferry in the United States.

IN COLUMBIA COUNTY THERE ARE:

- 156 lakes and 27 boat landings
- 35 miles of the Wisconsin River and 50 miles of trout streams
- 333 miles of groomed snowmobile trails
- 3,000 campsites
- 20 miles of hiking trails and 165 miles of biking trails
- 7 quality area golf courses with many more nearby.
- 109+ fine dining and spirit establishments
- Cascade Mountain Ski Resort
- Numerous amusement parks, community festivals and county fairs.

AREA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MARCH

PORTAGE

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

PORTAGE LIONS CLUB RADIO AUCTION

Will take place at the Portage VFW Post 1707 from Noon-4PM. Watch for the booklet of auction items that will be posted as the event date gets closer. Auction booklets can be picked up at the Chamber office.

APRIL

CAMBRIA FRIESLAND

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

KIWANIS EGG HUNT

10:00AM at Tarrant Park, Cambria. Cambria-Friesland School in case of bad weather. www.cfachamber.com.

PORTAGE

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

MONROE CROSSING

Performs live at Portage Center for the Arts 7:30PM. Named in honor of Bill Monroe, "The Father of Bluegrass Music," they have been dazzling audiences for nearly 20 years with their electrifying blend of bluegrass. www.portagecenterforthearts.com 608-742-5655

COLUMBUS

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

EASTER EGG HUNT

Fun for the whole family!
facebook.com/recreation.columbuswi

PORTAGE

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

PORTAGE LIONS CLUB

EASTER EGG HUNT

Thousands of foil wrapped chocolate eggs on the grounds of Woodridge and John Muir Schools. The hunt will start promptly at 10:00AM.

POYNETTE

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

EASTER EGG HUNT

At Pauquette Park.

PORTAGE

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

THE ART OF LEGO OPENING RECEPTION

Portage Center for the Arts 4:00-6:00PM. Free and open to the public. View some truly awesome displays by the Portage LEGO User Group, and submit your own creation for a chance at LEGO related prizes www.portagecenterforthearts.com 608-742-5655

PORTAGE

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

BOOK CLUB AT FORT WINNEBAGO SURGEONS QUARTERS

Members of the Fort Winnebago Surgeons Quarters Book Club will gather by Zoom to discuss The Dressmaker of Khair Khana by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon. FortWinnebago SurgeonsQuarters.org

PORTAGE

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

ST. MARY TRIVIA NIGHT

at St. Mary Gymnasium. Come enjoy a night of trivia with your friends and win cash!

PARDEEVILLE

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

PARDEEVILLE SPRING MARKET

9:00AM - 3:00PM
Downtown Pardeeville.

COLUMBUS

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

COLUMBUS FIREMAN'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST

7:00AM - 12:00PM at Columbus Fire Station, 123 W. Harrison St.

PORTAGE

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

LUNCH BREAK SERIES

Portage Center for the Arts. Grab your lunch, bring a friend, and join us in PCA's Zona Gale Theatre at 12:00PM. \$5 at the door. www.portagecenterforthearts.com 608-742-5655

PORTAGE

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

PORTAGE WINE WALK

Come spend time with your friends enjoying great wine inside various businesses. Tickets to the Wine Walk are \$40 each in advance. 608-742-6242 www.portagewi.com

MAY

PORTAGE

FRIDAY, MAY 5

PORTAGE HIGH SCHOOL ART STUDENTS

Opening Reception at PCA at 4:00PM. Free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. www.portagecenterforthearts.com 608-742-5655

COLUMBUS

SATURDAY, MAY 6 &

SUNDAY, MAY 7

WYVERNS TROVE ART & CRAFT FAIR

10:00AM-4:00PM Featuring unique handmade work by local artists. Wyverns Trove Museum & Gift Shop, 254 W. Mill Street.

PARDEEVILLE

SATURDAY, MAY 6

15TH ANNUAL BULLDOG STOMP CANCER RUN/WALK

9:00-11:00AM
Pardeeville High School.

PORTAGE

SUNDAY, MAY 7

GALE SINGERS COMMUNITY CHOIR

Portage Center for the Arts. \$6 at the door. General admission. www.portagecenterforthearts.com 608-742-5655

COLUMBUS

THURSDAY, MAY 11-

SATURDAY, MAY 13

CITY WIDE GARAGE SALES

www.columbuswichamber.com

COLUMBUS

THURSDAY, MAY 11 -

SATURDAY, MAY 13

INDOOR RUMMAGE SALE

Thursday 8:00AM-2:00PM, Friday

8:00AM-3:00PM and Saturday 8:00AM-3:00PM. If looking to reserve space, visit columbuswi.myrec.com/management

RIO

FRIDAY, MAY 12 &

SATURDAY, MAY 13

VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE SALES

PORTAGE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

OPENING DAY AT HISTORIC INDIAN AGENCY HOUSE

Be the first of the season to enjoy an informative, engaging tour. We are open for tours Wednesday through Sunday each week through mid-October. www.agencyhouse.org 608-742-6362

FALL RIVER

FRIDAY, MAY 19-SUNDAY,

MAY 21

ENGLEWOOD OPEN BIKE RACES

UCI Short Track (May 19), USA Cycling Pro XCT series and Junior XCO series (May 20), Wisconsin Off-Road Series (May 21). Pro and CAT 1 racing on Saturday. Open to racers of all levels on Sunday. No pets please. Located at Englewood Grass Farm W1414 County Rd. Z-Fall River Englewoodopenmtb.com

FALL RIVER

FRIDAY, MAY 19 &

SATURDAY, MAY 20

VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE SALE & BRAT FRY

Sales start at 8:00AM
Event sponsored by the Fall River Chamber www.fallriverwisconsin.com

PORTAGE

FRIDAY, MAY 19-SUNDAY,

MAY 21

ST. MARY'S BEST FEST

This year we are moving the event to the Columbia County Fairgrounds. We will still be offering live music, food, and plenty of family fun throughout the weekend. www.stmaryoticanandhoc.org 608-742-6998

COLUMBUS**SATURDAY, MAY 20**
REDBUD DAY

Enjoy the beauty of the Redbud Trees as they blossom. A redbud Prince and Princess will be crowned. Enjoy food, drink and music downtown and celebrate our historic district.
www.columbuswichamber.com

PARDEEVILLE**SATURDAY, MAY 20**
PARDEEVILLE EMS-FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER
9:00AM-5:00PM at Indian Trails Campground.**PARDEEVILLE****SATURDAY, MAY 20**
PARDEEVILLE GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL PLANT SALE
8:00AM-12:00PM Angie W. Cox Library Lawn.**PORTAGE****SATURDAY, MAY 20**
OPENING DAY AT FORT WINNEBAGO SURGEONS QUARTERS

Join us at Fort Winnebago Surgeons Quarters as we open for the 2023 Season. Plant sale and clinic onsite. Fortwinnebago surgeonsquarters.org
608-742-2949

PORTAGE**SATURDAY, MAY 20**
SPECIAL EXHIBIT AT HISTORIC INDIAN AGENCY HOUSE

Permanent Exhibit: Crossroads. The exhibit brings our powerful and pivotal story to life, weaving the people, events, and material culture into the bigger picture of history. www.agencyhouse.org
608-742-6362

RIO**SATURDAY, MAY 20**
RIO STREET DANCE
Welcome Back Campers!
From 7:00-11:00PM**PORTAGE****SUNDAY, MAY 21**
BOOK CLUB AT FORT WINNEBAGO SURGEONS QUARTERS

3:00PM Members of the Fort Winnebago Surgeons Quarters Book Club will gather to discuss The Lightkeepers Legacy by Kathleen Ernst. FortWinnebago SurgeonsQuarters.org

PARDEEVILLE**WEDNESDAY MAY 24-31**
PARDEEVILLE CRUISE-IN
Wednesday evenings 5:30-8:00PM North side of Piggly Wiggly parking lot.**FALL RIVER****EVERY THURSDAY, MAY 25 - AUGUST 31**
SUMMER FARMER'S AND CRAFTER'S MARKET
Thursdays 3:30-7:00PM Rain or Shine at Savanna Oaks, 100 Savanna Rd. Fall River. Homegrown produce, handmade items, and much more. Special events will be held weekly.
https://www.facebook.com/FallRiverWiChamber**PORTAGE****THURSDAY, MAY 25**
LUNCH BREAK SERIES AT PORTAGE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Grab your lunch, bring a friend, and join us in PCA's Zona Gale Theatre at 12:00PM.
\$5 at the door.
www.portagecenterforthearts.com
608-742-5655

PARDEEVILLE**FRIDAY, MAY 26 & SATURDAY, MAY 27**
PARDEEVILLE CITY WIDE RUMMAGE SALES
Times vary.**FALL RIVER****MONDAY, MAY 29**
MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM
Organized by John C. Brossard VFW POST 2219 held at Fall River High School multipurpose room at 9:30AM followed by outdoor ceremony (weather permitting) at the Fall River Cemetery.
920-210-9892**PARDEEVILLE****MONDAY, MAY 29**
PARDEEVILLE MEMORIAL DAY EVENT
11:00AM Veteran's Memorial Park, North Main St.**JUNE COLUMBUS****JUNE**
SUMMER COLUMBUS LIBRARY PROGRAMS
Check out your local library! Children (Story times, Crafternoons, STEM, Lego

Building), Teens (Take & Make Kits, Crafts and more) & Adult (Book Clubs, Genealogy, Meditation) Summer Programs.
www.columbuspubliclibrary.info

FALL RIVER**THURSDAYS, JUNE 1-29**
SUMMER FARMER'S AND CRAFTER'S MARKET
Thursdays 3:30-7:00PM Rain or Shine at Savanna Oaks, 100 Savanna Rd. Fall River. Homegrown produce, handmade items, and much more. Special events will be held weekly.
https://www.facebook.com/FallRiverWiChamber**CAMBRIA FRIESLAND****FRIDAY, JUNE 2 & SATURDAY, JUNE 3**
SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT
Cambria Tarrant Park.
www.cfachamber.com.**PORTAGE****JUNE 2-30**
ART THAT BLOOMS AT PORTAGE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Art that Blooms is a wonderful event, free and open to the public, featuring original artwork by area artists, along with fresh floral arrangements and poetry inspired by each individual work of art.
www.portagecenterforthearts.com
608-742-5655

PORTAGE**FRIDAY, JUNE 2 & SATURDAY, JUNE 3**
ROCK THE GRANDSTAND

Join us as we Rock the Grandstand to help raise funds to refurbish the grandstand at Columbia County Fairgrounds. We will have two days of live music, food, and vendors.
savethegrandstand@gmail.com

CAMBRIA FRIESLAND**SATURDAY, JUNE 3**
CAMBRIA VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE SALES
www.cfachamber.com.**PORTAGE****SATURDAY, JUNE 3**
CANAL DAYS IN DOWNTOWN PORTAGE
Celebrate with a parade and live music, kid's activities, food and vendors. 608-742-6242
www.portagewi.com**PORTAGE****SATURDAY, JUNE 3**
DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR

Spend the morning learning about Historic Downtown Portage. The guided tour starts at the Portage Area Chamber of Commerce office.
608-742-6242
www.portagewi.com

PORTAGE**SATURDAY, JUNE 3 & SUNDAY, JUNE 4**
LIVING HISTORY WEEKEND AT HISTORIC INDIAN AGENCY HOUSE

The Historical Timekeepers will be on-site adding "living history" ambiance to the physical setting of your tour. Included in regular tour admission (members free).
www.agencyhouse.org
608-742-6362

PORTAGE**SUNDAY, JUNE 4**
PORTAGE ELKS LODGE KIDS FISHERIE

All kids up thru age 12, accompanied by an adult, are invited to participate. Held at Pauquette Park. Bring your own pole and bait, fishing starts at 10:00AM.

PARDEEVILLE**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7-28**
PARDEEVILLE CRUISE-IN
Wednesday evenings 5:30-8:00PM North side of Piggly Wiggly parking lot.**PORTAGE****WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7-28**
CONCERTS AT THE PORTAGE
At the Portage VFW. Grab your lawn chair or blanket and come enjoy live music. Desserts are served by a local non-profit as a fundraiser. 6:30PM.**COLUMBUS****THURSDAY, JUNE 8**
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
Brought to you by Columbus Historic Landmarks & Preservation Commission. Held at Columbus Fireman's Park, Park Avenue. Open at 4:00PM. Food starts at 4:00PM. Music will start at 5:00PM.

AREA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

PARDEEVILLE

THURSDAYS, JUNE 8-29

PARDEEVILLE DUAL COUNTY BAND CONCERTS & PIE SOCIALS

Thursday evenings 7:00PM Angie W. Cox Library Lawn.

PORTAGE

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

-SATURDAY, JUNE 10

CITYWIDE GARAGE SALES

Deals throughout Portage!

CAMBRIA FRIESLAND

FRIDAY, JUNE 9 &

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

JUNE DAIRY DAYS

Parade is Saturday 7:00PM, pedal pull, games, food, and live music - Markesan. www.cfachamber.com.

PORTAGE

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

FLAG DAY CELEBRATION

At the Portage Elks Lodge #675 as we honor our flag. Open to the public.

CAMBRIA FRIESLAND

TUESDAY, JUNE 13-27

FRIESLAND COMMUNITY BAND CONCERTS & PIE SOCIAL

Tuesday nights 7:30-9:00PM www.cfachamber.com.

PORTAGE

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

SPEAKER SERIES AT AGENCY HOUSE

Topic: Josephine Lee is the Director of the Ho-Chunk Nation Museum and Cultural Center. www.agencyhouse.org 608-742-6362

CAMBRIA FRIESLAND

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

COMMUNITY NIGHT

6:00-9:00PM - Live music, children's activities, and concessions at Tarrant Park, Cambria. www.cfachamber.com.

CAMBRIA FRIESLAND

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

FRIESLAND FIREMAN'S CHICKEN BBQ

4:30-7:00PM at Friesland Fire Station. www.cfachamber.com.

PORTAGE

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

HANDS ON HISTORY AT FORT WINNEBAGO SURGEONS QUARTERS

Fortwinnebago surgeonsquarters.org 608-742-2949

PORTAGE

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

BOOK CLUB AT FORT WINNEBAGO SURGEONS QUARTERS

Members of the Fort Winnebago Surgeons Quarters Book Club will gather to discuss Widows of Champagne by Renee Ryan, with the author to be onsite with us. FortWinnebago SurgeonsQuarters.org 608-742-2949

RIO

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

LIVE MUSIC

Bad Habit - 7:00-9:00PM Playing hit music from the '50s, '60s and '70s - and more. Rio Depot Park.

COLUMBUS

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

PING PONG FLOAT

Takes place at the Columbus Area Aquatic Center. www.facebook.com/caaccolumbuswi

RIO

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

RIO FLY IN 7:00AM

COLUMBUS

THURSDAY, JUNE 29 -

TUESDAY, JULY 4

COLUMBUS 4TH OF JULY FESTIVAL

Columbus Fireman's Park - Park Avenue, Free Admission. Great entertainment, food, beverages, midway rides and fun for the whole family!

Facebook Page: Columbus 4th of July Festival - Wisconsin.

JULY

PORTAGE

JULY 1-21

ART THAT BLOOMS AT PORTAGE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

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PORTAGE

SATURDAY, JULY 1

PORTAGE FIREWORKS CELEBRATION

Presented by Festival Foods, on the north side of Portage, just off of Gunderson Drive. Enjoy the show from areas nearby including the parking lot area of Festival Foods and the neighboring businesses and side streets. 9:30PM.

PARDEEVILLE

SUNDAY, JULY 2

PARDEEVILLE 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Band, beer tent, food trucks & fireworks at dusk at Chandler Park.

COLUMBUS

TUESDAY, JULY 4

COLUMBUS 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Parade starts at 12:00PM (Ludington St. to Park Ave.) Carnival opens at 1:00PM in Fireman's Park, Free Admission. Music and entertainment, Fireworks at dusk. Facebook Page: Columbus 4th of July Festival - Wisconsin

PARDEEVILLE

TUESDAY, JULY 4

PARADE At 11:00am; Downtown Pardeeville.

PARDEEVILLE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5-26

PARDEEVILLE CRUISE-IN

Wednesday evenings 5:30-8:00PM North side of Piggly Wiggly parking lot.

PORTAGE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5-26

CONCERTS AT THE PORTAGE

At the Portage VFW. Grab your lawn chair or blanket and come enjoy live music. Desserts are served by a local non-profit as a fundraiser. 6:30PM.

FALL RIVER

THURSDAY, JULY 6-27

SUMMER FARMER'S AND CRAFTER'S MARKET

Thursdays 3:30-7:00PM Rain or Shine at Savanna Oaks, 100 Savanna Rd. Fall River. Homegrown produce, handmade items, and much more. Special events will be held weekly. <https://www.facebook.com/FallRiverWiChamber>

PARDEEVILLE

THURSDAY, JULY 6-27

PARDEEVILLE DUAL COUNTY BAND CONCERTS & PIE SOCIALS

Thursday evenings 7:00PM Angie W. Cox Library Lawn.

PORTAGE

THURSDAY, JULY 6

DOWNTOWN PORTAGE MARKET

4:00-7:00PM Commerce Plaza. Farmers Market vendors, live music and food trucks. 608-742-6242 www.portagewi.com



PORTAGE**THURSDAY, JULY 6****-SATURDAY, JULY 8****GARDEN TRACTOR DAZE AT THE COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

Garden Tractor show with farm tractors, hit and miss engines, antique farm garden equipment, pedal pull for adults and kids, indoor flea market and farm toy show with an outside garden tractor swap meet.

PARDEEVILLE**SATURDAY, JULY 8****PARDEEVILLE TRIATHLON**

Race starts 9:00AM Chandler Park.

PORTAGE**SATURDAY, JULY 8****BAGPIPES IN THE GLEN**

Our annual event, Bagpipes in the Glen, will be a longer event this year! We are hosting Scottish music, Bagpipers, food and beverages for purchase. We do not charge for attendance, just \$20 per car for parking. www.durwardsglen.org

CAMBRIA FRIESLAND**TUESDAY, JULY 11-25****FRIESLAND COMMUNITY BAND CONCERTS & PIE SOCIAL**

Tuesday nights 7:30-9:00PM www.cfachamber.com

PORTAGE**TUESDAY, JULY 11****SPEAKER SERIES AT AGENCY HOUSE**

Topic: Dr. Alphonso Simpson is the African American Studies Chair at UW-Oshkosh. www.agencyhouse.org (608) 742-6362

COLUMBUS**THURSDAY, JULY 13****SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

Brought to you by Columbus Historic Landmarks & Preservation Commission. Held at Columbus Fireman's Park, Park Avenue. Open at 4:00PM. Food starts at 4:00PM. Music will start at 5:00PM.

CAMBRIA FRIESLAND**FRIDAY, JULY 14****COMMUNITY NIGHT**

6:00-9:00PM Live music, children's activities, and concessions at Tarrant Park, Cambria. www.cfachamber.com.

CAMBRIA FRIESLAND**FRIDAY, JULY 14****MARKESAN DOG DAYS**

5:00-11:00PM Markesan, Bridge Street. www.cfachamber.com.

PORTAGE**FRIDAY, JULY 14****CONCERT IN THE PARK**

With Panchromatic Steel at 6:30PM. Join us at Pauquette Park at the Beasley Pavilion. Concerts are free to attend! www.portagewi.com 608-742-6242

PORTAGE**SATURDAY, JULY 15****ANNUAL ELKS GOLF OUTING**

Join the Elks as they raise money for their charities. Open to the public. Golfing @ Portage Country Club, dinner and prizes awarded at the Portage Elks Lodge 201 W. Conant St.

PORTAGE**SATURDAY, JULY 15****GHOST HUNT AT FORT WINNEBAGO SURGEONS QUARTERS**

FortWinnebago SurgeonsQuarters.org

PORTAGE**SATURDAY, JULY 15****INDIGENOUS CULTURAL ARTS AT HISTORIC INDIAN AGENCY HOUSE**

Performances...Demonstrations... Hands-on Opportunities for all ages. Includes a performance by the Wisconsin Dells Singers & Dancers of the Ho-Chunk Nation. www.agencyhouse.org 608-742-6362

RIO**SATURDAY, JULY 15****LIVE MUSIC ELVIS & CASH**

6:00 to 8:00 PM Elvis Presley & Johnny Cash Impersonators. Rio Depot Park.

PORTAGE**SUNDAY, JULY 16****BOOK CLUB AT FORT WINNEBAGO SURGEONS QUARTERS**

Members of the Fort Winnebago Surgeons Quarters Book Club will gather to discuss Path of the Assassin by Brad Thor. FortWinnebago SurgeonsQuarters.org

**FALL RIVER****THURSDAY, JULY 20****CONCERT IN THE PARK**

Food 5:00PM Concert 6:30PM Free concert at the Village Park Bring Chairs or blankets to enjoy the music. Food served by the Village.

COLUMBUS**FRIDAY, JULY 21****BEACH PARTY**

Takes place at the Columbus Area Aquatic Center. www.facebook.com/caaccolumbuswi

PORTAGE**FRIDAY, JULY 21-SUNDAY, JULY 23****4TH ANNUAL PORTAGE YOUTH SOFTBALL SUMMER TOURNAMENT**

Stop out to the high school softball fields for some great competition and to support our organization! www.portageyouthsoftball.org/tournament

PORTAGE**FRIDAY, JULY 21****CONCERT IN THE PARK**

With Hirt Alpert Tribute Band at 6:30PM. Join us at Pauquette Park at the Beasley Pavilion. Concerts are free to attend! www.portagewi.com 608-742-6242

PARDEEVILLE**SATURDAY, JULY 22****PEDAL & PADDLE IN PARDEEVILLE WITH A PURPOSE**

8:00AM Chandler Park

PORTAGE**SATURDAY, JULY 22****FRENCH-METIS CULTURAL ARTS AT HISTORIC INDIAN AGENCY HOUSE**

Performances...Demonstrations... Hands-on Opportunities for all ages. Includes a lively French-Métis fiddling concert by Pierre Pleau at 2PM. Free event. www.agencyhouse.org 608-742-6362

PORTAGE**SUNDAY, JULY 23****RESTORATION CELEBRATION AT FORT WINNEBAGO SURGEONS QUARTERS**

Fortwinnebago surgeonsquarters.org 608-742-2949

PORTAGE**WEDNESDAY, JULY 26-SUNDAY, JULY 30****COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR**

Opens Wednesday. Carnival begins 5:00PM with specials everyday. Grandstand events Thursday-Saturday night. www.columbiacountyfairwi.org

PORTAGE**SATURDAY, JULY 29-SUNDAY, JULY 30****ENDURING SKILLS WEEKEND AT HISTORIC INDIAN AGENCY HOUSE**

Try your own hand at an exciting sampling of skills that have endured through the centuries or have been re-created through research and experimentation. www.agencyhouse.org 608-742-6362

AREA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

AUGUST

CAMBRIA FRIESLAND TUESDAY, AUGUST 1-29 FRIESLAND COMMUNITY BAND CONCERTS & PIE SOCIAL

Tuesday nights 7:30-9:00PM
www.cfachamber.com.

PARDEEVILLE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2-30 PARDEEVILLE CRUISE-IN

Wednesday evenings 5:30-8:00PM North side of Piggly Wiggly parking lot.

PORTAGE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2-30 CONCERTS AT THE PORTAGE

At the Portage VFW. Grab your lawn chair or blanket and come enjoy live music. Desserts are served by a local non-profit as a fundraiser. 6:30PM.

FALL RIVER THURSDAY, AUGUST 3-31 SUMMER FARMER'S AND CRAFTER'S MARKET

Thursdays 3:30-7:00PM Rain or Shine at Savanna Oaks, 100 Savanna Rd. Fall River. Homegrown produce, handmade items, and much more. Special events will be held weekly.
<https://www.facebook.com/FallRiverWiChamber>

PARDEEVILLE THURSDAY, AUGUST 3-10 PARDEEVILLE DUAL COUNTY BAND CONCERTS & PIE SOCIALS

Thursday evenings 7:00PM Angie W. Cox Library Lawn.

CAMBRIA FRIESLAND FRIDAY, AUGUST 4- SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

**PARK DAYS SOFTBALL
TOURNAMENT**
Tarrant Park, Cambria.
www.cfachamber.com.

CAMBRIA FRIESLAND SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

PARK DAYS
10:30AM Parade followed by Chicken BBQ, BINGO, Pool Games & festivities at Tarrant Park, Cambria.
www.cfachamber.com.

FALL RIVER SATURDAY, AUGUST 5 CHAMBER CRAFT & AUTO SHOW

9:00AM to 3:00PM
Held at Savanna Oaks Community Center. Located on Hwy 16 & Savanna Rd. Sponsored by Fall River Chamber. 920-484-3462.
www.fallriverwisconsin.com

PORTAGE SATURDAY & SUNDAY, AUGUST 5 & 6, AUGUST 12 & 13 ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG & BLACKSMITHING AT INDIAN AGENCY HOUSE

Roll up your sleeves and dig with us into our site's buried history. Work alongside professional archaeologists. Come prepared to get dirty, learn a lot, and personally play an important part in the quest to expand our historical understanding.
www.agencyhouse.org
608-742-6362

RIO SATURDAY, AUGUST 5 LIVE MUSIC WHISKEY BELLES

6:00 to 8:00 PM Hank Williams passion, Carter family harmonies, with a little Hee Haw mixed in for good measure. The Whiskey Belles are an all- female trio who mix vintage. Rio Depot Park.

RIO SATURDAY, AUGUST 5 RIO EMS FUNDRAISER

At Willow Mills Campsite.

COLUMBUS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9 BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY

Takes place at the Columbus Area Aquatic Center.
www.facebook.com/caaccolumbuswi

COLUMBUS THURSDAY, AUGUST 10 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Brought to you by Columbus Historic Landmarks & Preservation Commission. Held at Columbus Fireman's Park, Park Avenue. Open at 4:00PM. Food starts at 4:00PM. Music will start at 5:00PM.

CAMBRIA FRIESLAND SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 ALSUM FARMS & PRODUCE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & TATOR TROT 5K

8:30AM-2:30PM Friesland.
www.cfachamber.com.

COLUMBUS SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 FUNDRAISER TRAP SHOOT

Columbus Firefighters Service Corporation at Waterloo Gun Club. Facebook Page: Columbus Firefighters Service Corporation

LODI SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 SUSIE THE DUCK DAY

Celebrating 40 years! Bring the entire family. Susie the Duck Day parade flows down the entire Main Street. Food and drink vendors, an open-air market, kids' activities, live music and a beer garden on Spring Street and of course the DUCK RACES!

PARDEEVILLE SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 12TH ANNUAL PARDEEVILLE SIDEWALK SALES

9:00AM - 2:00PM
Downtown Pardeeville

CAMBRIA FRIESLAND WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16 COMMUNITY NIGHT

6:00-9:00PM Live music, children's activities, and concessions at Tarrant Park, Cambria. www.cfachamber.com.

PORTAGE SATURDAY, AUGUST 19 GHOST HUNT AT FORT WINNEBAGO SURGEONS QUARTERS

FortWinnebago
SurgeonsQuarters.org

PORTAGE SATURDAY, AUGUST 19 ZONA GALE CELEBRATES FRIENDSHIP VILLAGE

Program at the Museum at the Portage and Pie and Ice Cream at the Women's Civic League Home. Come and enjoy a fun filled day.

RIO SATURDAY, AUGUST 19 RIO VILLAGE PARADE AND STREET DANCE

Downtown Rio.

PORTAGE SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 BOOK CLUB AT FORT WINNEBAGO SURGEONS QUARTERS

Members of the Fort Winnebago Surgeons Quarters Book Club will gather to discuss Mary Queen of Scotland and the Isles by Margaret George, with the author onsite. FortWinnebago SurgeonsQuarters.org

PORTAGE TUESDAY, AUGUST 22 SPEAKER SERIES AT AGENCY HOUSE

"American Fancy": The Cultural Phenomenon of Exuberance in the Decorative Arts, 1790-1840"
www.agencyhouse.org
608-742-6362



PORTAGE

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 &
SATURDAY, AUGUST 26**
**TASTE OF PORTAGE
MARKET FAIR**

Come downtown and enjoy live music, lots of food, drinks, kid's activities, an art and craft show and a car show. 608-742-6242
www.portagewi.com

CAMBRIA FRIESLAND

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26
**19TH ANNUAL DUMP POKER
RUN**

11:00AM-4:00PM Ride, Pig Roast, Live auction, and Live music (proceeds go to charity). 105 W. Edgewater Street.
www.cfachamber.com.

PORTAGE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26
**CLASSIC CAR & TRUCK
SHOW AT TASTE OF
PORTAGE**

All Makes & Models Classic Car & Truck Show at Taste of Portage in downtown Portage. 608-742-6242
www.portagewi.com

PORTAGE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26
**DOWNTOWN WALKING
TOUR**

Spend the morning learning about Historic Downtown Portage. The guided tour starts at the Portage Area Chamber of Commerce office. 608-742-6242
www.portagewi.com

PORTAGE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26
**PORTAGE HALF MARATHON
AND 5K**

Come participate in our Half Marathon and 5K that will be taking place on Saturday during Taste of Portage weekend in downtown. www.portagewi.com
608-742-6242

SEPTEMBER**PORTAGE**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 8, 22
**DUGOUT CANOE
WORKSHOPS AT INDIAN
AGENCY HOUSE**

Join us in our quest to experimentally create a fire-wrought dugout canoe using ancient methods and tools. www.agencyhouse.org
608-742-6362

**PARDEEVILLE**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
**19TH ANNUAL PARDEEVILLE
COMMUNITY CAR & TRUCK
SHOW**

8:00AM-4:00PM Chandler Park

PARDEEVILLE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
PARDEEVILLE CRUISE-IN

Wednesday evenings 5:30-8:00PM North side of Piggly Wiggly parking lot.

PORTAGE

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8-
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**
**SCOUTS BSA WEEKEND AT
AGENCY HOUSE**

Scouts from across the region are invited to gather to learn and earn the entire Historic Trails Award over the weekend, all while making memories. www.agencyhouse.org
608-742-6362

FALL RIVER

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9-
END OF OCTOBER 2023**
FALL FARMER'S MARKET

At Sadie Bee's Orchard Saturdays, 10:00AM to 3:00PM Enjoy the fall festivities by picking apples and pears at the orchard and enjoying fresh donuts and caramel apples. Local vendors offer breads, meats, fudge and baked goods. https://www.facebook.com/FallRiverWiChamber

PARDEEVILLE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
**54TH ANNUAL
PARDEEVILLE
WATERMELON FESTIVAL**

9:30AM-4:00PM Chandler Park.

PORTAGE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
**SPEAKER SERIES AT
AGENCY HOUSE**

Mary Elise Antoine is a historian, author, and French Heritage Corridor board member. www.agencyhouse.org
608-742-6362

COLUMBUS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
21ST ANNUAL BOXER BASH

from 10:00AM-3:00PM in Fireman's Park, Columbus. All dog lovers are invited. Friendly dogs of all breeds welcome. Going on all day: lure coursing, food sales, merchandise sales, and much more! Second floor-vendors, contests, and big raffle.

FALL RIVER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
SAVANNA OAKS 18TH

ANNUAL SORGHUM FEST
9:00AM-4:00PM Come see the antique sorghum mill making sorghum and purchase a jar. The event is family friendly with kid's activities, live music, vendors showcasing handcrafts, produce, and more. www.savannaoakscenter.com

LODI

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
BREW-B-QUE

Good food meets good beer on Main Street in downtown. Pit Masters from all over come to smoke ribs and earn the award for best in show! Additional competitions include homebrew, salsa and chili too! Live music, beer garden, bean bag tournament and so much more!

PORTAGE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
**GALENA LIVING HISTORY
SOCIETY AT AGENCY
HOUSE**

The Galena Living History Society will highlight "Everyday Elegance in 1832" — cultural artistic expressions within the 'everyday.' www.agencyhouse.org
608-742-6362

PORTAGE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
**BOOK CLUB AT FORT
WINNEBAGO SURGEONS
QUARTERS**

Members of the Fort Winnebago Surgeons Quarters Book Club will gather to discuss The Alice Network by Kate Quinn. Fort Winnebago SurgeonsQuarters.org

RIO

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
LIVE MUSIC

STEVE MEISNER**POLKA BAND**

3:00-5:00 PM Steve Meisner is in the Polka Hall of Fame. Great polkas and related music! Rio Depot Park.

PORTAGE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
PORTAGE WINE WALK

Join us for a Wine Walk in downtown Portage. Spend time with your friends enjoying great wine samplings inside various businesses plus walk from place to place to shop. 608-742-6242
www.portagewi.com

COLUMBUS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
"ODD"TOBERFEST

2:00-10:00PM in Fireman's Park Pavilion with live Polka music, German food and beverages. www.wioddfellows40.org

PORTAGE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
**GHOST HUNT &
CEMETERY WALK AT
FORT WINNEBAGO
SURGEONS QUARTERS**

Back by popular demand... come to Fort Winnebago Surgeons Quarters to see if our friendly property spirits will be talking. Fort Winnebago SurgeonsQuarters.org

AREA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

CAMBRIA FRIESLAND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

HERITAGE DAYS
Markesan Historical Society.
www.cfachamber.com.

OCTOBER CAMBRIA FRIESLAND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

**FRIESLAND FIRE ANNUAL
GUN RAFFLE AND SILENT
AUCTION**

Friesland Fire Department.
www.cfachamber.com.

**COLUMBUS
MID OCTOBER - TBA
COLUMBUS WINE WALK**
Stop, Shop, and Sip!
www.columbuswichamber.com

**COLUMBUS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14
WYVERNS TROVE FLEA
MARKET & CRAFT FAIR**
9:00AM-3:00 PM
Wyverns Trove Museum & Gift
Shop, 254 W. Mill Street.

**PORTAGE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15
MEMBERS OF THE FORT
WINNEBAGO SURGEONS
QUARTERS BOOK CLUB**
will gather to discuss *Shoulder
Season* by Christina Clancy.
www.Winnebago
SurgeonsQuarters.org

**PARDEEVILLE
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27
WICKED WINE WALK**
5:30-8:30PM Downtown
Pardeeville.



**COLUMBUS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28
COLUMBUS COMMUNITY
BONFIRE & PUMPKIN HUNT**
For Kids at Kiwanis Park in
Columbus.

**FALL RIVER
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28
HALLOWEEN PARTY**
2:00PM to 4:00PM
VILLAGE TRICK OR TREAT
4:00PM to 6:00PM
Halloween Party will be at the
small gym at the high school.
Party is sponsored by the Fall
River Police Department with the
help of the Fall River students.
After the party the Fall River
Chamber will hold a Trunk or
Treat at the United Methodist
Church. <https://www.facebook.com/FallRiverWiChamber>

**PORTAGE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28
HALLOWEEN AT THE
PORTAGE THEATRE**
Themed event for the kids. All
you have to do is bring a non-
perishable food item for the Food
Pantry to participate. There will
be a costume contest, goodie
bags, movie and a sidewalk
parade. 608-742-6678
www.portagetheatres.com

**CAMBRIA FRIESLAND
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31
CAMBRIA TRICK-OR-TREAT**
5:00-7:00PM.
www.cfachamber.com.



**PORTAGE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31
CITYWIDE TRICK OR
TREATING**
4:00-7:00PM. 608-742-6242
www.portagewi.com

**POYNETTE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31
BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY
TRICK OR TREAT**

**NOVEMBER
PARDEEVILLE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4
PARDEEVILLE HOLIDAY ON
THE LAKE**
9:00AM-3:00PM Downtown
Pardeeville.

**LODI
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10
SIP & SHOP**
Wine tasting and shopping...each
year, the Lodi & Lake Wisconsin
Chamber of Commerce pulls out
all of the stops for this incredibly
popular event! Hundreds of
attendees fill the downtown Lodi
streets to shop our amazing
small businesses and taste a wide
selection of wine at 20 stops too!

**CAMBRIA FRIESLAND
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11
CRAFT FAIR**
9:00AM-2:00PM at Cambria-
Friesland School.
www.cfachamber.com.

**CAMBRIA FRIESLAND
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11
LAKE COMMITTEE FISH FRY
& RAFFLE**
Cambria Fire Station.
www.cfachamber.com.

**PORTAGE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11
DRIVE-THRU HARVEST
DINNER AT THE PORTAGE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
Turkey and all the trimmings,
including apple or pumpkin pie.
Serving from 4:30PM until gone.

**CAMBRIA FRIESLAND
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17 &
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18
MARKESAN HOMESPUN
HOLIDAYS**
Friday 5:00-8:00PM; Saturday
8:30AM-2:00PM - craft fair and
children's activities. Markesan
High School.
www.cfachamber.com.

**FALL RIVER
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18
COOKIE WALK WITH LIVE
REINDEER**
11:00AM-1:00PM Starts at
United Methodist Church. This is
great event to explore multiple
businesses in Fall River, get a bag
of cookies, and get your family
photo for your Christmas Cards
with live reindeer. Last stop is
at Mickleson's Feed Mill with
reindeer.
[https://www.facebook.com/
FallRiverWiChamber](https://www.facebook.com/FallRiverWiChamber)

**FALL RIVER
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18 &
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19
SAVANNA OAKS OLD WORLD
CHRISTMAS MARKET**
9:00AM-3:00PM Sat.;
9:00AM- 2:00PM on Sun.
Located on Corner of Hwy. 16 and
Savanna Rd.
A festive holiday weekend of
arts, crafts and music. European
inspired food & beverages.
Free admission.
920-484-6257
www.savannaoakscenter.com

**PORTAGE
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23
FREE COMMUNITY
THANKSGIVING DINNER**
at St. Mary of the Immaculate
Conception at 11:00AM.
Call the St. Mary Parish Office at
608-742-6998 to make a
reservation or to arrange delivery
to a residence in the Portage area.

**PORTAGE
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24
CREATE A MIXED EVERGREEN
PORCH POT AT EDGEWATER**
Join us for this workshop to
create your own evergreen porch
pot. Fee based on materials used.
www.edgewaterhomeandgarden.com

PORTAGE**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24
CHILI DUMP AT HOLIDAY
PARADE WITH THE
PORTAGE PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

Purchase a bowl of Chili at Commerce Plaza during the Presbyterian Church Chili Dump. Starts at 5:00PM and get here early because chili is while supplies last and goes fast.

PORTAGE**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24
HOLIDAY LIGHTED PARADE
& TREE LIGHTING**

In downtown Portage at 6:00PM. All area schools, churches, businesses and private parties are encouraged to participate and help celebrate the holidays with us. 608-742-6242 www.portagewi.com

COLUMBUS**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25
SMALL BUSINESS
SATURDAY**

Shop at local Columbus retailers for unique gift items, good eats & drinks at local restaurants and drinking establishments in a festive atmosphere. www.columbuswichamber.com

LODI**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25
SHOP SMALL SATURDAY**

Pop-up's, sales, specials, events and more keep locals and visitors busy! It's a great way to kick-start your holiday shopping and support local businesses as well. We love shopping small every day but on this day, we really do!

PARDEEVILLE**CHANDLER PARK HOLIDAY
LIGHTS**

NOV. 25, - JANUARY 1, 2024
Chandler Park

**PORTAGE****SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25
MEET SANTA'S REAL LIVE
REINDEER**

11:00AM-1:00PM. Commerce Plaza in downtown Portage to see who pulls Santa's sleigh. Get your pictures with Santa and his reindeer. www.portagewi.com 608-742-6242

PORTAGE**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25
WREATH DECORATING
WORKSHOP AT EDGEWATER**

Join us for this workshop to decorate a fresh evergreen wreath. Fee based on materials used. www.edgewaterhomeandgarden.com

**CAMBRIA FRIESLAND
NOVEMBER 27-DECEMBER 8
CAMBRIA JANE MORGAN
MEMORIAL LIBRARY SILENT
AUCTION**

www.cfachamber.com.

**DECEMBER
COLUMBUS****DECEMBER
COLUMBUS WINTER
LIBRARY PROGRAMS**

Check out your local library! Children (Storytimes, Crafternoons, STEM, Lego Building), Teens (Take & Make Kits, Crafts and more) & Adult (Book Clubs, Genealogy, Meditation) Winter Programs. www.columbuspubliclibrary.info

FALL RIVER**EARLY DECEMBER****SANTA COMMUNITY TOUR**

TBD 5:00-7:00PM Sponsored by Fall River Chamber. www.fallriverwisconsin.com

COLUMBUS**EARLY DECEMBER - TBA
CANADIAN PACIFIC
HOLIDAY TRAIN**

Experience the beautifully lit Canadian Pacific Holiday Train as it stops at the Columbus Amtrak Depot. A free concert is performed on a boxcar stage. Bring a non-perishable food or household item or make a financial donation to the on-site food pantry collection. www.visitcolumbuswi.com

COLUMBUS**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2
COLUMBUS HOLIDAY
PARADE & TREE LIGHTING**

6:00PM Located on Dickason Blvd., with the tree lighting in front of the Columbus Public Library. www.columbuswichamber.com

PORTAGE**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2
HOLIDAY HOUSE LUNCHEON
AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Chicken Noodle Soup & Beef Barley Soup, Fresh Vegetables and Dessert. 608-742-6006

PORTAGE**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2
PHOTOS WITH SANTA AT
EDGEWATER HOME AND
GARDEN**

10:00AM-1:00PM. Come say Hi to Santa! He will be here to listen to what you would like for Christmas, enjoy a cup of cocoa and a fresh baked cookie! 608-742-6558 www.edgewaterhomeandgarden.com

PORTAGE**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2
PORTAGE COOKIE WALK**

Purchase a cookie box filled with a map and various specials at the Chamber office and then collect a cookie at various participating businesses. 608-742-6242 www.portagewi.com

POYNETTE**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2
CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE****PORTAGE****SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3****GALE SINGERS
PERFORMANCE AT
PORTAGE CENTER FOR THE
ARTS**

www.portagecenterforthearts.com 608-742-5655

**CAMBRIA FRIESLAND
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9****SANTA VISIT**

10:00-11:00AM Cambria Fire Station Community Center. www.cfachamber.com.

**PORTAGE****SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9
BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
AT CULVER'S**

Tickets in advance are required for this event. Breakfast seating will be from 8:00-9:00AM. Please bring your own camera. www.portagewi.com 608-742-6242

PORTAGE**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9
KIDDIE CHRISTMAS AT THE
AGENCY HOUSE**

Drop in with your kids (ages 5-12) to pick up a Christmas goodie bag with crafts and treats to enjoy with your family at home. www.agencyhouse.org 608-742-6362

CAMBRIA FRIESLAND**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23
MARKESAN TREE LIGHTING
CEREMONY**

www.cfachamber.com.

PORTAGE**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24
SANTA AT THE ELKS LODGE**
Come visit with Santa at the Portage Elks Lodge on Christmas Eve.**PORTAGE****MONDAY, DECEMBER 25
CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER**
Drive-thru or carryout this year for a FREE Christmas Day Dinner at Portage Presbyterian Church. Enjoy a home-cooked meal of turkey and all the trimmings and wonderful desserts. Call Nancy at 608-742-7242 to reserve.**JAN.-FEB. 2024
COLUMBUS****JAN.- FEBRUARY 2024
LAST SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY
CHILI & SOUP LUNCHEON**
Hosted by the Columbus Area Historical Society. www.facebook.com/columbusareahistory



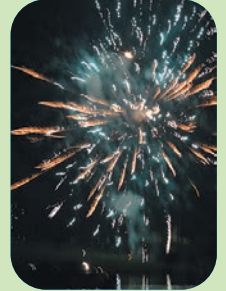
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Welcomes You
 and invites you to visit us!

2023 Cambria Friesland Area Events



March 18 Cambria Fire Department Spring Fundraiser - Cambria Fire Station
March 23 6:00pm - Chamber seminar: The Process for a 1031 Exchange
 Cambria Fire Station Meeting Room
April 1 10:00am - Kiwanis Egg Hunt - Cambria, Tarrant Park
June 2-3 Softball Tournament - Cambria, Tarrant Park
June 3 Cambria Village Wide Garage Sales
June 9-10 June Dairy Days: parade (Saturday 7:00pm), pedal pull, games, food and
 live music - Markesan



June 13 - August 22 Tuesday nights 7:30-9:00pm - Friesland Community Band Concerts &
 Pie Social -Friesland Village Square
June 14 6:00-9:00pm - Community Night: live music, children's activities and
 concessions - Cambria, Tarrant Park
June 17 4:30-7:00pm - Friesland Fireman's Chicken BBQ - Friesland Fire Station
July 4 Friesland 4th of July Celebration
July 14 6:00-9:00pm - Community Night: live music, children's activities and
 concessions - Cambria, Tarrant Park



July 14 5:00-11:00pm - Markesan Dog Days - Bridge Street, Markesan
August 4-6 Park Days Softball Tournament - Cambria, Tarrant Park
August 5 10:30am - Park Days Parade followed by Chicken BBQ, BINGO, Pool
 Games, Live Music & Festivities - Cambria, Tarrant Park
August 12 8:30am-2:30pm - Alsum Farms & Produce 50th Anniversary Celebration
 & Tator Trot 5K - Friesland, Alsum Produce
August 16 6:00-9:00pm - Community Night: Live Music, Children's Activities and
 Concessions - Cambria, Tarrant Park
August 26 11:00 am-4:00 pm ride -19th Annual Dump Poker Run, Pig Roast,
 Live auction, and Live music (proceeds go to charity)
 105 W. Edgewater Street, Cambria



September 17 1-4 pm - Heritage Days - Markesan Historical Society
October 7 Friesland Fire Annual Gun Raffle and Silent Auction- Friesland Fire
 Department
October 31 5:00-7:00pm - Cambria Trick-or-Treat
November 11 9:00am-2:00pm - Craft Fair - Cambria-Friesland School
November 11 Lake Committee Fish Fry & Raffle - Cambria Fire Station
November 17-18 Friday 5:00-8:00pm; Saturday 8:30am-2:00pm - Markesan Homespun
 Holidays Craft Fair and Children's Activities - Markesan High School
Nov. 27-December 8 Cambria Jane Morgan Memorial Library Silent Auction
December 9 10:00-11:00am - Santa Visit - Cambria Fire Station Community Center
December 23 Markesan Tree Lighting Ceremony



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DISCOVER something NEW

The neighboring communities of Cambria and Friesland are surrounded with some of the richest farmland in Columbia County. Local farmers yield bumper crops and can truck to local facilities as each community holds a large ethanol plant. North America's newest dry corn mill sits on Cambria's hillside. The Village of Cambria also has two canning facilities where peas, beans, asparagus, and corn are locally grown, canned, and shipped. Large food grade Warehouse facilities, in the Village of Friesland, store many of the canned goods until they are transported out by local companies. Wind turbines grace the landscapes and recall the Dutch heritage of the founding residents of Friesland.

Lush woodlands and marsh areas house an array of wildlife in their natural habitats. These peaceful natural landscapes provide great hunting and hiking grounds for residents and visitors. Cambria's Tarrant Lake provides a great atmosphere for summer and winter activities such as fishing, snowmobiling, and ice skating. Tarrant Park hosts many community events throughout the year and is a great area to enjoy with family and friends. The Friesland Park, just a jaunt away, offers a relaxing atmosphere with a sheltered picnic area, ballfield, tennis courts, and children's playground. If camping is your idea of fun, there is a local campground where you can go for a quiet getaway!

On August 12th Alsum Produce will be hosting their 50th anniversary celebration including their 6th Annual Tator Trot 5k Run and vendor market, along with a special bus tour of their farm.

Local celebrations are held each year within the communities. A hundred-year-old tradition continues throughout the summer on Tuesday evenings in Friesland: band concerts in the Village

Square. These social gatherings offer homemade pies from different community, groups. On the 4th of July, Friesland has one of the greatest fireworks displays in the area along with a pie social and band concert of patriotic songs. The first weekend in August, Cambria celebrates Park Days with softball tournaments, a Saturday morning parade, and festivities in Tarrant Park throughout the weekend. The 19th Annual Dump Run, a large charity event, will be held on Saturday, August 26. This event, hosted by The Dump Bar in Cambria, has raised over \$400,000 for local charities and organizations.

Home of the Hilltoppers, Cambria-Friesland School includes students from pre-kindergarten to twelfth grade with an 11:1 student-teacher ratio. The school also offers extracurricular activities such as athletics, music, band, art, FFA and industrial arts.

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MAY
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Redbud Day

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Small Business
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JUNE 29
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Columbus July
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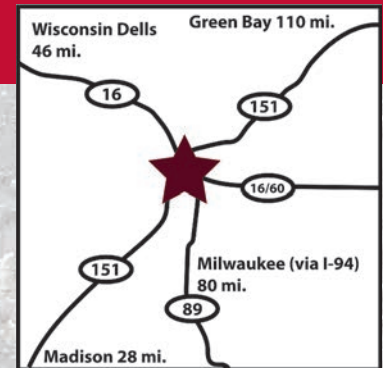
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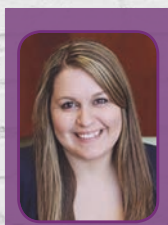
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2023 Fall River Events

May 19-20-21 Fall River

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May 19 & 20-Fall River

Village-Wide Garage Sale & Brat Fry

Sales start at 8:00AM

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May 25 to August 31-Fall River

Summer Farmer's and Crafter's Market

Thursdays, 3:30PM- 7:00PM Rain or Shine at

Savanna Oaks, 100 Savanna Rd. Fall River

The market features homegrown produce, handmade items, and much more.
For more info visit: <https://www.facebook.com/FallRiverWiChamber>

May 29-Fall River

Memorial Day

Memorial Day program, organized by John C. Brossard VFW POST 2219

Held at Fall River High School multipurpose room at 9:30AM followed by outdoor ceremony
(weather permitting) at the Fall River Cemetery
For more information call 920-210-9892

July 20-Fall River

Concert in the Park

Time: Food 5:00PM Concert 6:30PM

Free concert at the Village Park

Food served by the Village. All proceeds go towards park projects.

Aug.5-Fall River

Chamber Craft & Auto Show

Time 9:00AM to 3:00PM

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Sept.9 to end of October Fall River

Fall Farmer's Market at Sadie Bee's Orchard

Saturdays, 10:00AM to 3:00PM

Located at N3563 Co. Rd, Fall River

Enjoy the fall festivities by picking apples and pears at the orchard and enjoying fresh donuts and caramel apples.

Local vendors offer breads, meats, fudge and baked goods

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<https://www.Sadiebeesorchard.com>

Sept. 16-Fall River

Savanna Oaks 18th Annual Sorghum Fest

Time: 9:00AM to 4:00PM

Come see the antique sorghum mill making sorghum and purchase a jar of sorghum. The event is family friendly with kid's activities, live music, vendors showcasing handcrafts, produce, and more. Enjoy eating a variety of food from local food trucks

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Nov. 18-Fall River

Cookie Walk with Live Reindeer

Time: 11:00AM-1:00PM

Starts at United Methodist Church,

150 South St., Fall River

This is great event to explore multiple businesses in Fall River, get a bag of cookies, and get your family photo for your Christmas Cards with live reindeer.

Last stop is at Mickleson's Feed Mill with reindeer.

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Nov.-18 & 19- Fall River

Savanna Oaks Old World Christmas Market

Time: 9:00AM to 3:00PM on Sat.

9:00AM to 2:00PM on Sun.

Located on Corner of Hwy. 16 and Savanna Rd.

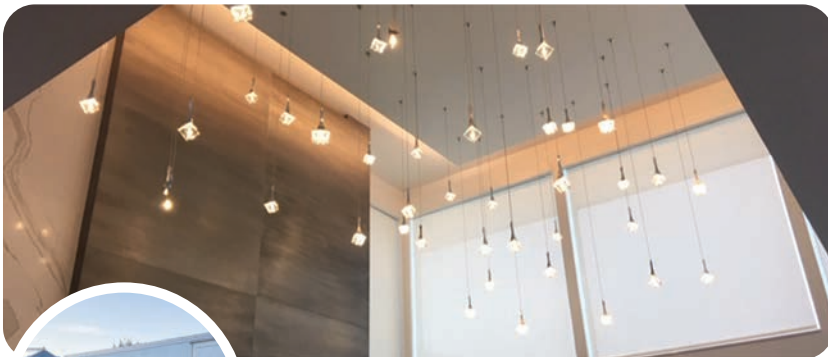
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Next feed the ducks at the beautiful Spring Creek that meanders through the city and take a swim in the free city pool-Goeres Park. Spend the day seeing the sights, visiting attractions, hiking the Ice Age Trail and Gibraltar Rock, golfing Lodi's 9 hole course and take a ride across the Wisconsin River aboard the Colsac III, Wisconsin's only FREE auto ferry.

Enjoy many of the fun and exciting things in town and venture out to Lake Wisconsin-a 10,000 acre lake with 52 miles of shoreline that is surrounded by picturesque hills with views that are unbelievable. Enjoy the lake for boating, fishing, swimming and more! Stop at the sandbars or stop by one of the many restaurants on the lake.

In the winter, you will find downhill and cross country skiing, snowmobiling, snow tubing, snowshoeing, ice fishing, ice skating, and curling. Many places to book your next stay-hotels, campgrounds, resorts and bed and breakfast.

MEET ME IN LODI 2023 Events

- (AUGUST) 12 | SUSIE THE DUCK DAY
- (SEPTEMBER) 16 | BREW-B-QUE
- (NOVEMBER) 10 | SIP & SHOP EVENT
- (NOVEMBER) 25 | SHOP SMALL SATURDAY

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Bring your camera because you will see beautiful scenery and native wildlife to the area. The ride takes just about 7 minutes to cross the Wisconsin River to the other shoreline. While you wait for the ferry to arrive you can enjoy a cool summer treat of ice cream at the local shop or even enjoy a picnic lunch in the newly renovated park area.

The Merrimac Ferry dates back to 1844, when Chester Mattson obtained a charter to provide ferry service at the present-day location. It was operational long before there was a marked road leading to or away from it. According to conflicting sources, Mattson charged either 35 cents or \$1 to ferry a team and wagon across the river. The ferry was human-powered until around the turn of the century, when the first gasoline engine was added.

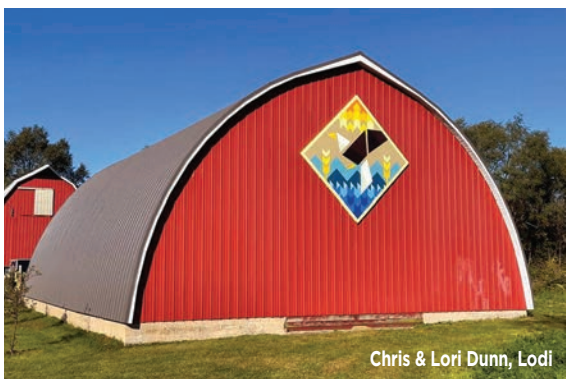
In 1933 the toll was eliminated and The State of Wisconsin took over the ferry with the operation and maintenance now performed by the Columbia County Highway Department. The first ferry was Colsac, a wooden ferry that had a capacity of 8 cars. It was replaced by the Colsac II in 1963, with a capacity of twelve cars. Launched on May 16,



2003, the current Colsac III cost \$2.2 million to build and carries 15 cars across the river linking both Columbia and Sauk counties. The Colsac name is cleverly derived from both county names.

Once you are on the ferry, get out of your car and take in the scenery of the Wisconsin River. Enjoy the gentle breeze during a crisp fall day as you take in all the wonderful colors along the trip across. We invite you to come to Columbia County and create your own memories on Wisconsin's only Free Ferry Ride!

COLUMBIA COUNTY BARN QUILTS



Barn Quilts can be found across the county. They are a great way to see the countryside while celebrating the agricultural heritage of our county through the warmth and beauty of quilting art. These barn quilts are a project of the Columbia County Association for Home and Community Education. Each colorful quilt design is painted on an 8 X 16 foot plywood and each is a work of art. Some are installed on working barns that are busy with the rhythms of farm life while others are on "retired" barns that are no longer used or have been repurposed. The barns may be freshly painted or weathered. Many of the Barn Quilts that adorn these buildings have a story to tell that reflects the history of the farmstead. These are just a few of the many beautiful barn quilts to see for yourself.



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MARKESAN

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The Markesan Area Chamber of Commerce welcomes you to historic Markesan, located close to the center of Wisconsin. We are in the heart of agricultural lands, recreational areas with great fishing, boating, and hunting, rich in history and have a top-notch school system. Markesan boasts industries that provide solid employment opportunities. Markesan is a wonderful place to raise a family, and we are eager to share our "grand community" with you!

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THE AMISH COMMUNITY

The Amish community is a rural community and somewhat different than what most urban people might expect. It is widespread over several townships and consists of small to medium-sized Amish farmsteads and individual homes, many with a small business on the property. Regardless of whether the person is engaged in farming or not...each home has at least a small barn for one or more horses and a grazing area.

On some rural roads in the community almost all the inhabitants will be Amish...in other areas the Amish will be intermingled with non-Amish, or "English", homeowners or farmers. The Amish refer to all people not members of the Amish Community as "English".

Amish business people operate many businesses that cater to the needs of the Amish community itself. Many of these businesses are of great interest to local and regional folks...including many visitors to the area...who wish to purchase goods made in the Amish tradition of craftsmanship and quality. These businesses are usually open Monday thru Wednesday, plus Friday and Saturday. Amish businesses are typically closed on Thursday and Sunday, though this varies from business to business. Thursdays special events such as weddings are held in the Amish Community and, of course, Sundays are honored as the Lord's Day and a day of rest...with the exception of tending to the needs of the farm animals.

When you visit Columbia County's Amish Community please make your trip a safe one. Remember, you may be driving on hilly, curvy and narrow township roads...and



amongst horse drawn buggies. You must exercise greater caution!

- Drive slowly and cautiously when in the Amish Community
- Slow down when overtaking a horse drawn buggy or farm equipment
- Be patient, do not pass on hills
- When passing a buggy, pass slowly...you could scare the horse
- Watch for pedestrians in the rural areas

Additionally...the Amish People strongly prefer not to have photographs taken of them. Please respect their wishes and focus your photography on buildings, carriages and animals.

~SEE MAP ON PAGE 26~



It's no secret that biking continues to grow in popularity across Wisconsin. Sharing a border with Dane County, the number one biking county in the state, Columbia County has naturally caught the

biking bug from its neighbors. Outdoor recreation enthusiasts from all over will love our Columbia County Bike Loops, a system of fourteen routes that take you across our county and bring you up close to experiences only our county can provide.

Highlights abound along the roads of Columbia County offering bicyclists a wealth of natural views of wetlands, valleys, rivers, lakes, wildlife areas and so much more. You can explore John Muir Park, the boyhood home of the famous Naturalist. You can tour our county's large Amish community and see life less complex.

BIKE TRAILS

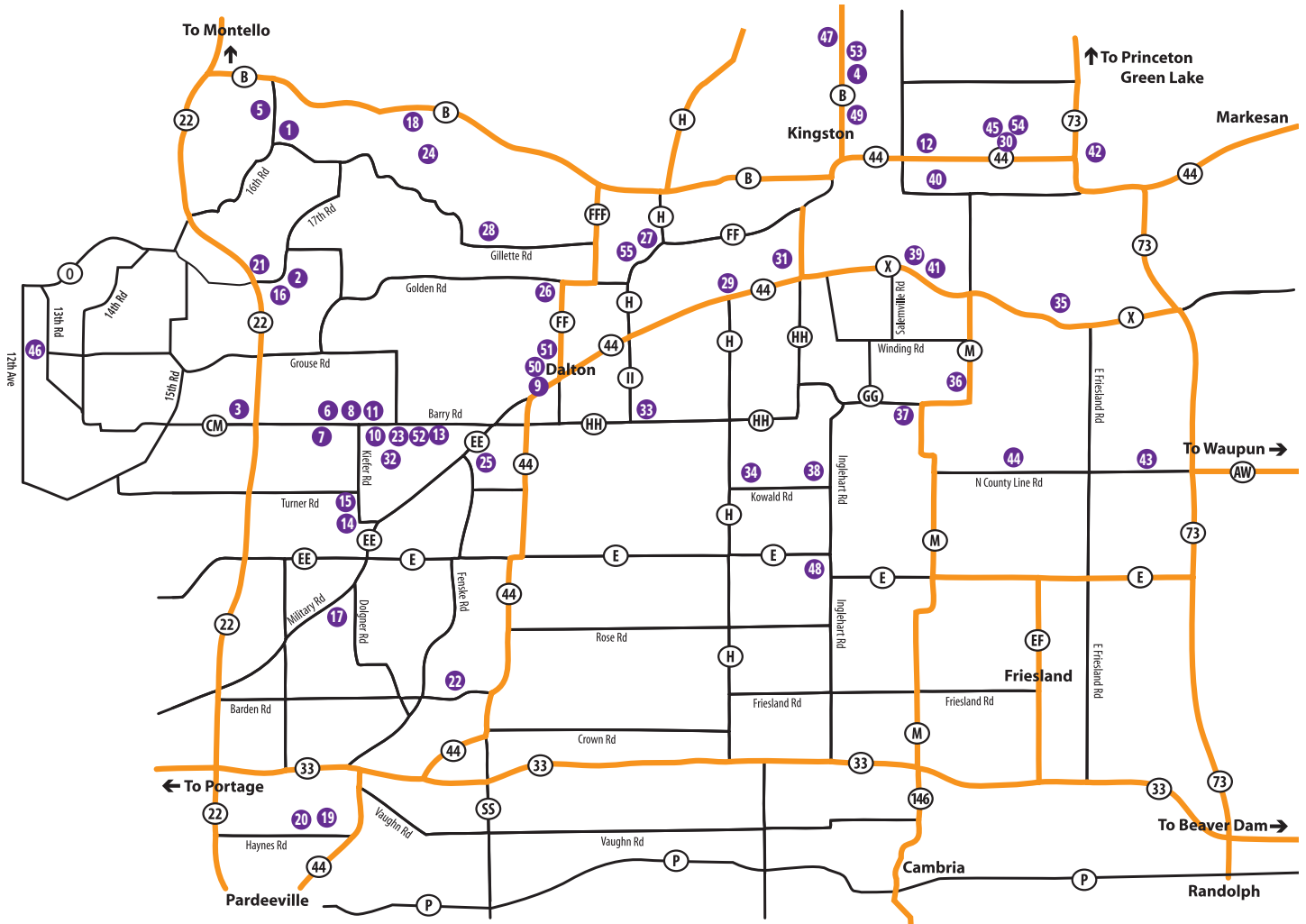
Travel along the whirling shadows of wind turbines to the city of Columbus, the filming location of the Johnny Depp movie "Public Enemies."

Tour the many historic sites of the city of Portage, its origin and importance in early commerce derived from the narrow strip of land separating the Wisconsin River and Fox River.

Summer concerts and pie socials await in smaller communities. Challenging hills and easy downhill slopes can transport you into some stunning views along the county. The loops, developed with the cooperation of the Columbia County Silent Sports Trails Committee and the Columbia County Highway Department, can be found online at travelcolumbiacounty.net

~SEE MAP ON PAGE 27~

AMISH COUNTRY



There are many small Amish businesses in the northeast part of Columbia County.

The Markesan and Kingston/Dalton Historical Societies can provide visitors with in-depth information on where these settlers came from, their traditions and customs and how they have integrated into their neighboring communities, as well as what trades they are known for (woodworking, baking, cheese making, greenhouses to name a few).

SAFE DRIVING TIPS

The Amish community includes Marquette, Columbia, and Green Lake Counties. When traveling in the area many motorists are not aware of how to drive when they come upon a horse and buggy. In an effort to increase the safety of all those who use the roadways in this area, here are some safe driving tips.

- Dim your headlamps when you meet a horse and buggy at night.
- Give a wide berth when passing a horse and buggy.
- Avoid rapid acceleration or unnecessary vehicle noises when passing or near a horse and buggy, loud noises may startle the horse as well.

Following a few simple tips as a motorist will help make our roadways safer.

Locate the Amish businesses listed by finding their correlating number on the map.

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| 1. Pine Lumber | 28. Maple Grove Cabinets |
| 2. Metal Buildings | 29. Weaver Enterprise |
| 3. Custom Vinyl Windows | 30. Oven Fresh Bakery |
| 4. Kingston Custom Cabinets | 31. Miller Cabinet Shop |
| 5. Happy Hollow Bakery | 32. Cedar Lane Furniture |
| 6. Weaver Cabinets | 33. D&L Metal Buildings |
| 7. Schrocks Sawmill | 34. Sandhill Cabinets |
| 8. Schwartz Greenhouse | 35. Tiny Acres Greenhouse |
| 9. Ms. Bouvi's Vintage Market (status unknown) | 36. Pine Ridge Country Store |
| 10. Mast Buggy Shop | 37. Kingston Cheese House |
| 11. Homestyle Furniture | 38. Salemville Greenhaus |
| 12. Sloping Acres Greenhouse | 39. Sunrise Buggy Shop |
| 13. Mishler's Country Store | 40. Grand River Greenhouse |
| 14. Pleasant View Bakery | 41. Handmade Rugs, Carpets, Runners |
| 15. Miller Wood Shop | 42. Wayside Repair |
| 16. Woodside Harness Shop | 43. L&L Furniture Shop |
| 17. Lakeside Fabrics | 44. Chair Shop |
| 18. Fairview Discount | 45. Pine Grove Greenhouse |
| 19. Townline Furniture | 46. Nature Trails Bakery |
| 20. Townline Greenhouse | 47. Gar-Lin Gardens |
| 21. Woodside Greenhouse | 48. BP Lumber |
| 22. Fox River Greenhouse & Hand Woven Baskets | 49. Long Lane Greenhouse |
| 23. Otto's Produce & Greenhouse | 50. The Fancy Tails Collection |
| 24. Kuntry Road Greenhouse | 51. Dog & Gypsy |
| 25. Maple Lane Furniture | 52. M&M Pet Supply |
| 26. Hill Top Repair | 53. Hillcrest Supply |
| 27. Schwartz Custom Cabinets | 54. Mast Finishing-Also Refinishing |
| | 55. Spring Valley Cabinets |

You can help keep the Amish map current, please report any new businesses, closed or moved businesses to 608 742-6161 or to ccedc6161@gmail.com

BIKE TRAILS

INDIVIDUAL LOOP
MAPS AVAILABLE:



LOOP DETAILS

CONNECTOR #1 -

Take this route to go between Lodi and Portage biking along the Wisconsin River.

CONNECTOR #2

Take this route to get from the Rio/Doylestown area to Poynette. Just a short quick route, but it gets you access to many of the other routes throughout Columbia County.

CONNECTOR #3

Take this route for a longer ride and connect from the Columbus area to Arlington across the southern portion of Columbia County.

LOOP #1 - 12 MILES

Simplest of all the loops. Park at Riverside Park in Portage and take a quick tour of the countryside just outside of Portage. Add a little extra to this loop and continue on County Hwy F and take a stop at John Muir Park, the boyhood home of this famous Naturalist.

LOOP #2 - 29 MILES

Start at Riverside Park and travel the beautiful farmland countryside to the Amish community. See Amish buggies while riding the countryside and stop to take a rest at the Amish bakery or Country Store.

LOOP #3 - 27 MILES

Start at Riverside Park and ride the rolling hills of Columbia County. You will certainly enjoy the ride around beautiful Park Lake in Pardeeville. Make sure to take a break for a sweet treat while you are in town.

LOOP #4 - 21 MILES

Start at Chandler Park in Pardeeville and get ready for a challenging route for the avid bicyclist. With this ride you will encounter many challenging hills but rewarded with some great scenic views, not to mention the up close tour of the windmills in the county.

LOOP #5 - 26 MILES

Start at Terrant Park on the Lake in Cambria and ride the rolling terrain to Friesland for their famous summer concerts and pie social, held Tuesday evenings at Village Park. Continue your journey to neighboring Dodge County and enjoy more great countryside as you return to Cambria.

LOOP #6 - 26 MILES

Start at the Wycena Community Library and follow this winding loop with stops at either Duck Creek or Pride of America Campground. Continue on through Pardeeville and follow this longer loop to Rio, also known as Camper Country USA.

LOOP #7 - 20 MILES

Start at Fireman's Park in Rio. With this loop you will have plenty of stops at a variety of Campground locations along the way. Take a break midway in the quaint village of Doylestown.

LOOP #8 - 24 MILES

Start at Savanna Oaks in Fall River and make your way through the eastern portion of Columbia County with gentle rolling hills, woodlands & wildlife to view along the Crawfish River. Stop in downtown Columbus which was the filming location of Johnny Depp's movie "Public Enemies."

LOOP #10 - 21 MILES

Starting at Goeres Park, this loop covers scenic views of Lake Wisconsin, Crystal and Fish Lakes, the Baraboo Bluffs and Gibraltar Rock, making for many photo opportunities. The loop follows mostly light traveled roads and includes some long hills that make for a challenging ride but a rewarding ride. Along the route you can access trails into Sauk County, the Merrimac Ferry to Devil's Lake and the Lodi-Springfield connector to US Bike Route 30 in Dane County.

LOOP #11 - 34 MILES

Begin this loop at Pauquette Park on Main Street. This loop includes a challenging set of elevation changes, prairie stretches that allow for some good speed work and you can stop at the communities of Lodi, Okeeh and Poynette for a bite to eat or cold beverage along the way.

LOOP #12 - 15 MILES

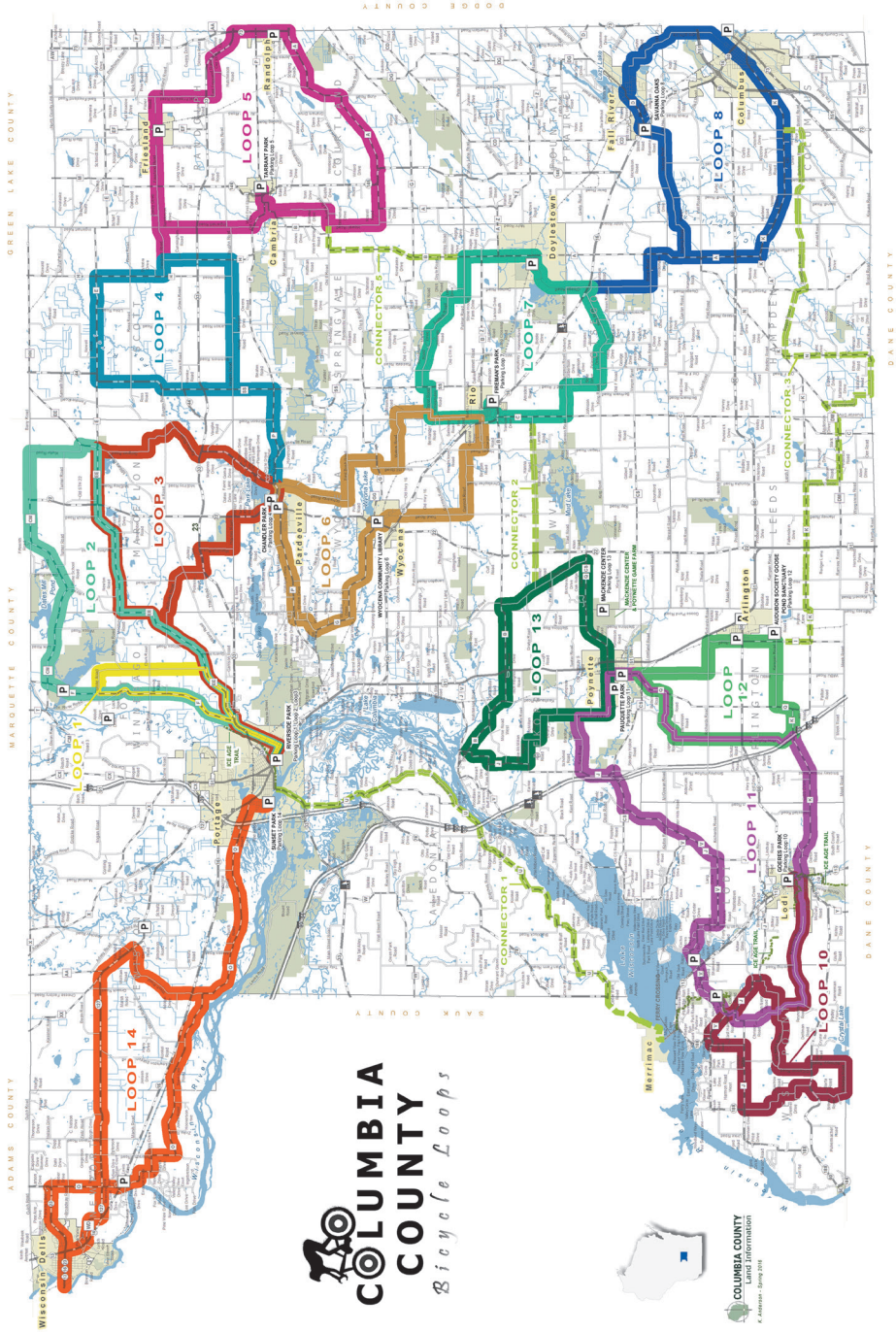
Start at the Audubon Society's Goose Pond Sanctuary in Arlington. On this loop you will get the opportunity to see restored wetlands and prairie habitats with thousands of waterfowl and over 250 bird species.

LOOP #13 - 19 MILES

Start at the Mackenzie Center to see the wildlife area where animals are housed in natural habitats, various prairies and trails that loop through mature forestland. Bring your lunch and enjoy the picnic area at the Mackenzie Center. Don't forget to take photos.

LOOP #14 - 31 MILES

Start at Sunset Park along the Wisconsin River and follow Summit Street to Hwy O. Follow this country road as it curves along the river and takes you right up close to the Wisconsin Dells. This will be a ride with many rolling hills and it will be a long ride so plan plenty of time.





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With beautiful Chandler Park, which is almost completely surrounded by beautiful Park Lake, the Angie Williams Cox Library, the iconic water tower known to most as “Tin Man”, as well as, the Columbia County Historical Museum, Pardeeville is more than a convenient suburb of Madison. You’ll find a diverse mix of families, professionals, and senior residents all enjoying a safe, connected lifestyle where neighbors care about their community and look out for one another.

Pardeeville is surrounded by many campgrounds, farm markets, local ice cream shop and a large Amish Settlement to the north, that offers many places for the visitor to shop.

Every Wednesday during the summer months, join the Pardeeville Cruise In. Meet at Hometown Bank parking lot from 5:30-8:00PM and join a road cruise to different towns. Check out Facebook page - Pardeeville Cruise In or see calendar of events pages in this guide for more information.

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CAMPGROUNDS & WYOCENA

WELCOME TO *Wyocena*

Wyocena is located just off Hwy 16 and Hwy 22. The Village of Wyocena is the 7th smallest community among those in Columbia County. With a population of 758 the Village of Wyocena is a small community that has a large heart. Grande Cheese is the major business in the village. The Columbia County Care Facility and Columbia County Highway shop are also located in the village and employ many area residents.

The village park, Dickason-Toppe, is located off Hwy 22 by the Wyocena Community Center. Various youth activities along with a church softball league use the Dickason-Toppe Park in the summer time. The Community Center has village offices and a gym that is used during the winter months for walking, youth basketball and wrestling. The Community Center also has rooms to rent for parties or for a large event the gym.

The Community Center also has a library thanks to the vision and generous donation from Olieve Huggett Hiller Estate. The library is part of the South Central Library system which gives residents access to extensive library resources. The Wyocena Community Center is located at 165 East Dodge Street.

The Helping Hands Food Pantry is located in the Wyocena Community Center. Helping Hands serves residents in the Pardeeville School district.

Wyona Lake is a 93 acre lake located in the north central portion of the Village that offers fishing at several access points. The village had the lake restocked with various fish in 2012. The Columbia County Park is located just outside of the village on Hwy G going east and on Hwy G going west of the village there is the Duck Creek campground.



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NATURALLY Poynette

Located in the rolling glacial hills just south of the Baraboo range and the Old Military Highway connecting forts at Green Bay and Prairie du Chien, Poynette residents enjoy a picturesque setting. Lake Wisconsin (3 miles away), Devil's Lake, and numerous small lakes enhance year-round recreational activity. Wisconsin's #2 trout stream, Rowan Creek, bisects two parks in downtown Poynette.

AREA PARKS - Pauquette Park is located at 126 S. Main Street, next to the Poynette Police Station. The park shelter area is available for rent by contacting the Village Hall. The baseball diamonds are scheduled separately by the Parks Commission.

VALLEY VIEW PARK SPLASH PAD - Valley View Park, located at 300 Park St., is home of the Splash Pad. Hours of operation for the Splash Pad are 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., 7 days a week, Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend. The pavilion is available on a first come first served basis.

Come visit Poynette for a day or plan to stay. Either way, you will find the experience worth your time....Poynette Naturally.

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BECK WATERFOWL PRODUCTION AREA

Three miles of hiking trails located 1.5 miles north of Pardeeville on the west side of Hwy 22. The nature trail system on this 357 acre Waterfowl Production Area (WPA) was developed and is maintained by Indian Trails Campground in collaboration with the US Fish and Wildlife Service. A WPA consists of wetland habitat surrounded by grassland and woodland communities. While a WPA is managed primarily for ducks and geese, it also provides habitat for a variety of other wildlife species such as non-game grassland birds, shorebirds, wading birds, mink, muskrat, wild turkey and deer. Trail head parking areas are located across from Indian Trails on Haynes Road, also on Wendlick Road and Hwy 22. Trails are for foot traffic only. The WPA is open to wildlife observation, hiking, cross-country skiing, nature study and photography. Dogs must be on a leash except while engaged in hunting during established open seasons. Take only pictures, leave only footprints!

COLUMBUS WETLAND PUBLIC HUNTING GROUNDS

248-acre property - find it by taking Lewis Street from Columbus, which turns into old Hwy 73. The grounds are just north of Hwy 151 bridge on the west side of the road. The property consists of approximately 175 acres of wetland, 60 acres of upland and 20 wooded acres.



DEKORRA WETLAND PUBLIC HUNTING GROUNDS

226 acre property - find it eight miles northwest of Poynette off of Highway V just west of Interstate 90/94. The property consists of approximately 15 acres of wetland, 46 acres of upland and 165 wooded acres.

DUCK CREEK WETLAND PUBLIC HUNTING GROUNDS

159 acre - find it four miles east of Wyocena on Highway G, on south side of G, section 21 town of Springvale. The property consists of approximately 100 acres of upland and 60 acres of marsh/stream.

ERSTAD PRAIRIE

Operated by the Madison Audubon Society, Erstad Prairie, a 60-acre parcel, three miles northeast of Goose Pond Sanctuary, is adjacent to the 720-acre Schoeneberg Marsh Waterfowl Production Area. Visit Erstad Prairie to see a wide variety of nesting grassland and wetland birds. Habitats include restored prairie, wetland, and a large grassy field dominated by common milkweed that provides habitat for monarch butterflies. Walk down the abandoned Harvey Road to view the large wetland where you may find American pelicans and great blue herons. Parking is available off of Harvey Road. Open to the public year-round. No dogs please. Trails at the sanctuaries are mown grass with gentle elevation changes. madisonaudubon.org

FRENCH CREEK WILDLIFE AREA

Cty. Hwy. F, north of Portage, this two-county area includes 3,152 acres of open marsh wetlands, upland grass fields, lowland timber, shrub type wetlands and warm water stream habitats suitable for ducks and geese, deer, squirrel, rabbit, pheasant, fur-bearing animals, sand hill cranes, herons, egrets, shorebirds and songbirds. Two man-made dikes create flowages for waterfowl and fur-bearing animal habitat. Some warm water fishing occurs in the flowages.



GIBRALTAR ROCK LODI

Rising 200 feet above the surrounding landscape, Gibraltar Rock is a flat-topped butte, an outlier of the Magnesian escarpment. With a thin Platteville-Galena dolomite cap over St. Peter sandstone, the butte offers panoramic views of the Wisconsin River Valley and Lake Wisconsin.

GOOSE POND SANCTUARY

Operated by the Madison Audubon Society, Goose Pond Sanctuary, one mile south of Arlington on Goose Pond Road, is 660 acres of restored tallgrass prairie and wetland. Goose Pond is the centerpiece of the sanctuary. It is a shallow prairie pothole that hosts thousands of migrating waterfowl during spring and fall. The bird checklist is 253 species. Fifty-one species of birds nest at Goose Pond. Hike some of the 12 miles of trails that wind through restored prairies where, in the summer, you will find a wide variety of wildflowers and grassland birds. Begin your visit at W7468 Prairie Lane where you will find a kiosk and a trail with an excellent view of Goose Pond. Pick up a trail map to help you find other parking lots and trails. The premier hiking trail is the Browne Prairie Trail that begins at a parking lot located on Kampen Road about 300 yards west of the railroad tracks. Open to the public year-round. No dogs please. Trails at the sanctuaries are mown grass with gentle elevation changes. madisonaudubon.org

SPEND TIME IN NATURE

GRASSY LAKE WILDLIFE AREA

695 acre property - find it three miles southeast of Rio on Highway 16. Take Erdman Road or Fischer Road off from Highway 16. The property consists of approximately 380 acres of wetland, 210 acres of upland and 105 wooded acres including open water and shrub/cattail marsh wetlands, hardwood timber and grassland habitats suitable for waterfowl, squirrel, rabbit, grouse, pheasant, fur-bearing animals, sand hill cranes, herons, egrets, shorebirds, and songbirds.

HAMPDEN WETLAND PUBLIC HUNTING GROUNDS

229 acre property - find it by taking Highway 60, six miles west from Columbus to Highway A, then south on A four miles to Arnold Road. The Department began acquiring land for this public hunting ground in 1966. Much of the property is marshy potholes with lowland timber.

HINKSON CREEK FISHERY AREA

Hinkson Creek drains a small watershed (9 square miles) as it flows a distance of 6 miles to its junction with Rowan Creek, a tributary to the Wisconsin River. An abundance of springs throughout the stream course maintain water temperatures capable of supporting a high quality brook trout fishery. Thirty-nine mammal species including muskrat, raccoon, red fox, mink, white-tailed deer, fox and gray squirrels and cottontail rabbits. Beaver are known to inhabit the stream. The presence of 153 bird species has been documented in the area which includes the common waterfowl species, ring-necked pheasants, woodcocks and ruffed grouse. It is likely such endangered species as the bald eagle and osprey, along with the threatened red-shouldered hawk and loggerhead shrike, pass through the area.



HIKING TRAILS AT THE HISTORIC INDIAN AGENCY HOUSE

The Historic Indian Agency House Nature Trails are adjacent to the Portage segment of the Ice Age Trail. The trail head is just across the road and north of our parking lot and follows the old Portage Canal. This 3/4 mile path offers flat, easy hiking, and wildlife abounds along the way. Watch for woodcock, quail, and songbirds in the woods along the trail, or see if you can catch a glimpse of a heron, teal or other water birds in the canal. A variety of turtles, snakes and frogs also might be spotted along the trail or banks of the canal.

JENNINGS CREEK WILDLIFE AREA

530 acre property - find it by heading north out of Rio on Hwy. SS 2 miles to Jennings Road, then east on Jennings less than 2 miles to Ludwig Road, then continue to Jennings Creek. The area includes cold water stream frontage, shrub wetlands hardwood forest, and conifer timberland suitable for deer, grouse, turkey, squirrel, rabbit, sandhill cranes, fur-bearing animals, songbirds and trout.

LAKE WISCONSIN

Cty Hwy. CS, Poynette. More than just a wide spot in the Wisconsin River, Lake Wisconsin is 9,000 acres

of unlimited water activities, including sailing, swimming, boating, water-skiing, and canoeing. Fish taken here include sturgeon, panfish, walleye, bass, northern and lunker muskies. Accessible from a number of boat landings, resorts and campgrounds, Lake Wisconsin is Central Wisconsin's natural water fun center.

LODI MARSH WILDLIFE AREA

Cty. Hwy. Y, south of Lodi, 1,044 acres in Columbia and Dane counties combined, including cold water stream frontage, shrub wetlands, hardwood forest, cropland and grassland fields suitable for deer, grouse, turkey, squirrel, rabbit, pheasant, fur-bearing animals, sandhill cranes, songbirds and trout.

MACKENZIE CENTER

Cty. Hwy CS/Q, Poynette. This environmental center operated by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is open for every season. The property features native prairies, woodlands, and a nature pond to explore. Five hiking trails wind through the forests and are suitable for all ages; one trail is also ADA accessible. Visitors can enjoy viewing our resident native wildlife (wolves, owls, bison, and more) in our native wildlife area, and visit our conservation exhibit and historic log cabin. Search 'MacKenzie' at dnr.wi.gov.

MUD LAKE WILDLIFE AREA

2,283 acre property, find it south of Rio 1 mile on Hwy. C, then west on Drake Road 1 mile. Consisting of approximately 1450 acres of wetland, 590 acres of upland, and 220 acres of wooded habitat. You will find a hardwood forest, grassland fields, cropland and shrub wetlands, suitable for waterfowl, deer, pheasant, grouse, turkey, squirrel, rabbit, sandhill cranes, fur-bearing animals, herons, shorebirds, and songbirds. Two man-made dikes enhance water levels of the large wetlands to improve waterfowl habitat.

ENJOY THE GREAT OUTDOORS

OTSEGO MARSH

Operated by the Madison Audubon Society, Otsego Marsh is an 80-acre sanctuary, located three miles south of Rio on Old County Road F. The habitat consists of 48 acres of oak-hickory hardwood forest and pine plantation, along with 32 acres of mostly open-water marsh. Breeding birds include wood ducks, hooded mergansers, barred owls, pileated woodpeckers and scarlet tanagers. A woodland trail begins at the parking lot on Old County Road F. Open to the public year-round. No dogs please. Trails at the sanctuaries are mown grass with gentle elevation changes. madisonaudubon.org

PARADISE MARSH WILDLIFE AREA

1,588 acre property - find it by going south of Randolph one mile on Highway 73 to Highway G. Go west on G three miles to the wildlife area. The property consists of approximately 1,270 acres of wetland, 260 acres of grasslands and 60 acres of wooded habitat. You will find warm water stream frontage with extensive cattail and shrub marsh wetlands, hardwood timber, grassland fields and cropland. Habitat is suitable for deer, squirrel, rabbit, pheasant, fur-bearing animals, sandhill cranes, herons and songbirds.



PARK LAKE, PARDEEVILLE

330 acre lake - maximum depth of 27 feet. Visitors have access to the lake from public boat landings. Fish include Musky, Panfish, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike and Walleye.

PETER HELLAND WILDLIFE AREA

3,543 acre property - find it six miles east of Pardeeville on County Road P. The property consists of approximately 2,700 acres of wetland, 500 acres of grassland, 240 acres of wooded habitat and some shrub and agricultural lands.

PINE ISLAND WILDLIFE AREA

5,499-acre property - located along the Wisconsin River southwest of Portage. The property consists of approximately 1,200 acres of wetland habitats, 1000 acres of grasslands, 1500 acres of oak/savanna habitats and 1,900 acres of

“ In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks. ”

~John Muir

wooded habitat. Includes cattail and shrub marshes, lowland hardwood, grassland fields, cropland, river islands and native prairie habitats suitable for deer, pheasant, squirrel, rabbit, turkey, grouse, ducks, geese, fur-bearing animals, sandhill cranes, herons and songbirds.

SCHOENEBERG MARSH WATERFOWL PRODUCTION AREA

This 720-acre complex is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and is adjacent to Madison Audubon's Erstad Prairie. The marsh is surrounded by restored prairie and savanna habitat. Nesting birds include blue-winged teal, red-headed woodpeckers, American kestrels, marsh wrens, and yellow-headed blackbirds. Many species of waterfowl can be seen in spring migration. Four parking lots provide easy access. Begin your visit at the Priem Road parking lot (0.9 miles east of Highway 22) where a paved/



boardwalk trail winds through restored prairie and ends at an observation platform. There you will find benches and a spotting scope overlooking the open marsh.

SPRING LAKE, PARDEEVILLE

27 acre lake - maximum depth of 32 feet. Visitors have access to the lake from a public boat landing. Fish include Panfish, Largemouth Bass and Northern Pike.

SPRINGVILLE WILDLIFE AREA

Cty. Hwys. P and SS between Pardeeville and Cambria, 2,841 acres with warm water stream frontage, extensive ditched wetlands, cattail/ shrub marsh, grassland fields, pheasant, rabbits, ducks, geese, fur-bearing animals, sandhill cranes, herons and songbirds.

SWAN LAKE WILDLIFE AREA

2,466 acre property - one mile east of Portage off of Highway P in Columbia County. The property consists of approximately 2,000 acres of wetlands, 100 acres of grassland and 366 acres of wooded habitat. The Fox River flows through the Swan Lake Wildlife Area in a northwesterly direction from Swan Lake on the east. Extensive cattail marshes, lowland aspen woodland, shrub wetlands, grassland, and a 1.5 mile dike for water level control, suitable for deer, pheasant, rabbits, ducks, fur-bearing animals, sandhill cranes, herons, shorebirds and songbirds.

EXPLORE **MORE** OUTDOORS



SANCTUARY SITES

GOOSE POND SANCTUARY

In Columbia County In the Town of Leeds, there are several prairies (Sue Ames, Hopkins Road, and Ankenbrandt) that are part of the larger Goose Pond Sanctuary. Erstad Prairie, next to Schoeneberg's Marsh, is also in the town. All are open to the public.

HOPKINS ROAD PRAIRIE

A 40-acre tallgrass prairie restoration with 1.5 miles of mowed hiking trails. Off-road parking area is on Hopkins Rd. east of Goose Pond.

SUE AMES PRAIRIE

Hike west from Hopkins Road Prairie parking area down the quarter-mile access lane to the trailhead. Two miles of mowed trail inside and around the edge extend through tall grass prairie on rolling terrain that provides good views to the west.

ANKENBRANDT PRAIRIE

Visitors can walk north on the mowed old farm lane from Kampen Road to Highways 51 and 60. This large, productive restoration features over 50 plant species on 80 acres. Park in mowed area at southwest corner of the prairie just west of Hopkins Road.

ERSTAD PRAIRIE

A 60-acre sanctuary, with 18 acres of wetlands and 42 acres of uplands, has a hiking trail to an overview of a small wetland frequented by migrating waterfowl and marsh birds. Hike north to see the expansive 700 acres of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Waterfowl Production Area at Schoeneberg's Marsh, a premier prairie wetland with nesting Yellow-headed Blackbirds and Black Terns. The entire parcel is open during the fall for hunting.

FISHERIES

HINKSON CREEK FISHERY

Near Cty. Hwy. J northwest of Poynette, 160 acres of shrub and wetland along the Hinkson Creek trout stream with brown and brook trout, deer, squirrel, grouse, fur-bearing animals, sandhill cranes and songbirds.

ROCKY RUN CREEK FISHERY

Located southwest of Wyocena between State Hwy. 22 and U.S. 51, 750 acres of cold water stream frontage, shrub wetlands, upland hardwood forest, grassland fields and some cropland. The stream provides a fishery for brown trout. Habitat is suitable for deer, grouse, turkey, squirrel, rabbit, sandhill cranes, fur-bearing animals, songbirds and limited waterfowl use.

ROWAN CREEK FISHERY

From Cty. Hwys. J and CS west of Poynette, along Rowan Creek, 650 acres of cold water stream frontage, shrub wetland and lowland hardwood habitat suitable for deer, grouse, squirrel, rabbit, sandhill cranes, fur-bearing animals, songbirds and limited waterfowl use.

WISCONSIN RIVER WISCONSIN DELLS TO PORTAGE

Running approximately 19 miles from Wisconsin Dells to Portage, the Wisconsin River is a great place to float, boat, canoe, sail or swim. Accessible from numerous public and private boat landings and launching ramps along the way, during low water periods, the river has many sand bars to lounge on and shallows to wade in. Under these conditions, canoes and small boats that can be dragged over sandbars are recommended. Fishing enthusiasts will find sturgeon, bass, panfish, northern, walleye, muskie and more in these waters.



OUTDOOR RECREATION



SNOWMOBILING

Columbia County is home to a large variety of winter sporting activities. Come explore the possibilities of winter fun! Snowmobiling is available on miles of well marked, groomed snowmobile trails. The quality snowmobiling trails of Columbia County are the result of the hard work and dedication of members of the area's many snowmobile clubs.

For a snowmobile report for Columbia County please call 608-227-7433 or visit us at www.orgsites.com/wi/ccasc

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Or enjoy the beauty of Columbia County by trying cross-country skiing. What a great way to get exercise and enjoy the winter scenery.

ICE FISHING

The bountiful waterways in the county feature fish ranging from River Sturgeon to Bluegill and Crappie. Whether you prefer lakes, streams, or rivers, Columbia County can meet your fishing needs. <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Fishing>

HUNTING

There are excellent hunting opportunities! Whether hunting with a gun, bow, or a camera, there are plenty of opportunities to capture white-tail deer, wild turkeys, water fowl, and small game. There are hundreds of acres of public hunting areas as well as private land for enjoyment of these activities. Please check with the Department of Natural Resources for hunting regulations and always ask permission before entering private lands.

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The train stops in Columbus, Portage and Wisconsin Dells along the route across North America. Each stop hosts a free music show for you to enjoy. It will be outdoors and standing. So please dress warmly! Look for an updated schedule of when the CP Holiday Train will be stopping at www.travelcolumbiacounty.net.

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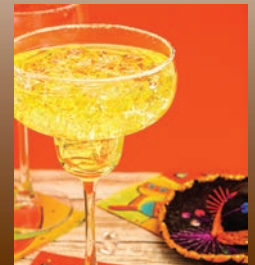
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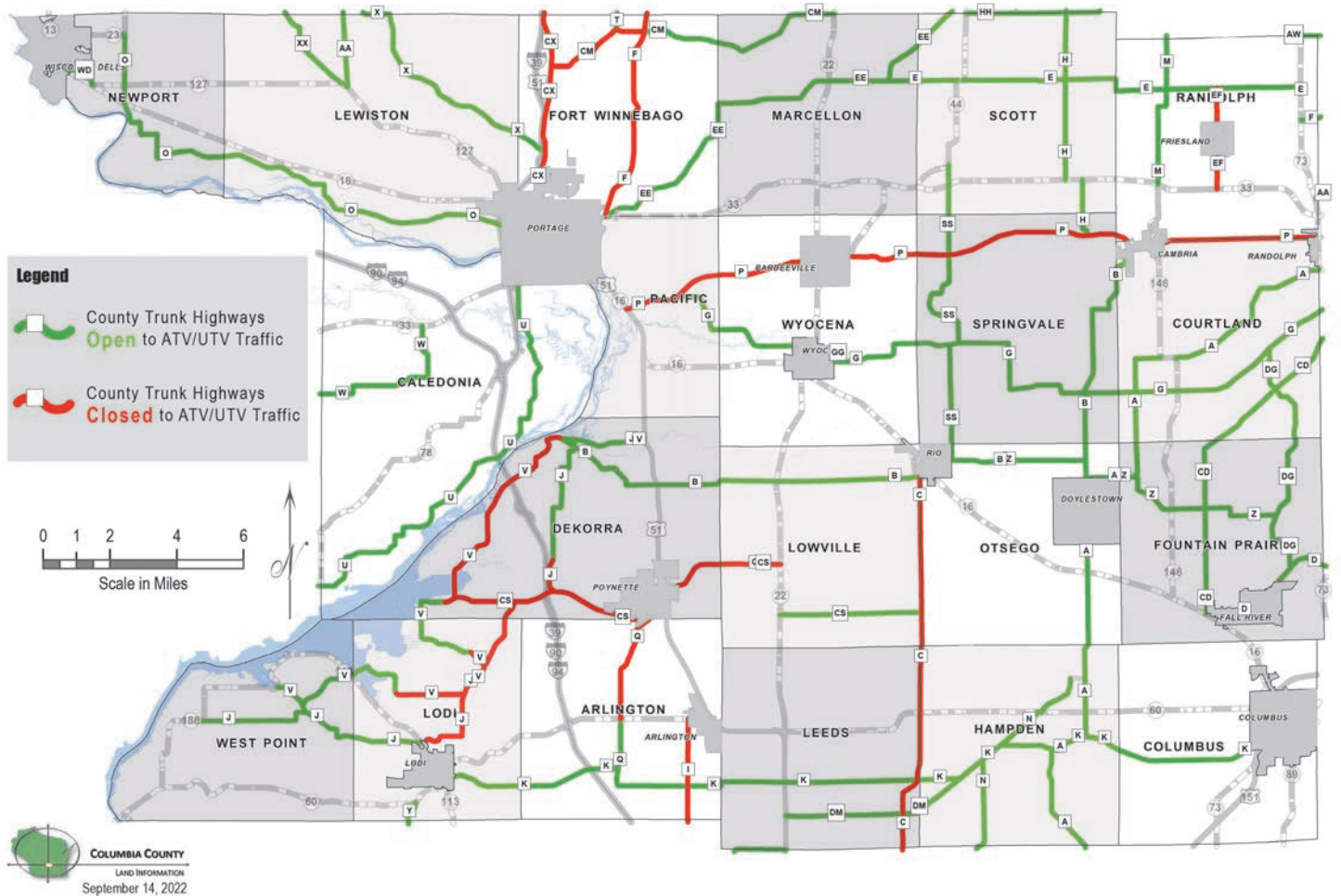
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Helmets

- All individuals under the age of 18, either operating or riding on an ATV/UTV, must wear a helmet.

Operator Requirements

- No person who is at least 12 years old and who is born on or after January 1, 1988, may operate an ATV unless holding a valid WDNR safety certificate or a valid certificate from another state or Canada.
- Minor shall carry the certificate while operating, and shall present the certificate to a law enforcement officer upon request.
- No person who is under 16 years of age may operate a UTV on a roadway.

Proof of registration

- ATVs/UTVs shall have their Wisconsin DNR registration number clearly visible and in legible letters from the rear of the vehicle.
- A copy of the current, valid registration certificate shall be present on the vehicle and shall be presented to law enforcement when requested.

Speed Limits

- Where speeds are not posted, ATVs/UTVs shall not operate at a speed greater than 35 miles per hour (MPH).
- When within 100 feet of a pedestrian or within 150 feet of a home, ATVs/UTVs shall not operate at a speed greater than 10 miles per hour (MPH).

Hours

- Shall not be operated on any County Highway between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

Lights

- Shall not be operated on any County Highway without fully functional headlights, taillights and brake lights.

Operations

- Shall operate on the far right side of the paved surface.
- Shall only operate on the paved portion of the County Road.
- Right of Way; unless yielding the right of way or lane if pavement does not exist.
- Multiple units shall operate in single file, providing sufficient distance between vehicles.
- ATVs/UTVs may not harass or restrict travel for frightened or distressed animals used in transportation within the roadway.

Seatbelts

- All occupants riding in or operating a UTV shall be required to wear a seatbelt when traveling on any County Highway in Columbia County.

Don't Drink And Drive

HELLO Autumn



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In Columbia County we have Wisconsin's largest corn maze at 18 acres just outside of Poynette at Creek Bed Country Farmacy. Here you can walk through the corn maze with more than 6 miles of paths. Catch a movie at the outdoor theatre and have some fun down the 75 foot gunny sack slide. Treinen Farms near Lodi has a 15 acre corn maze and over 14 acres

of pumpkins for you to select from. Late in October they have an evening dedicated to all things zombie just in time for Halloween.

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Wherever you decide to venture with your family, we encourage you to visit www.travelcolumbiacounty.net for all the fun things to do in our area.



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APR 28	Portage Spring Wine Walk
JUNE 3	Canal Days
JUNE 3	Downtown Walking Tour
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JULY 6	Downtown Night Market
JULY 14, 21	Concert Series at Pauquette Park
AUG 25-26	Taste of Portage Market Fair
AUG 26	Half Marathon & 5K
AUG 26	Downtown Walking Tour
SEPT 22	Portage Fall Wine Walk
NOV 24	Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting
NOV 25	Meet Santa's Real Live Reindeer
DEC 2	Citywide Cookie Walk
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On the next day Santa comes back to downtown, this time with his reindeer and elves. You can stop by and tell him all about what you want for Christmas and get your photo taken with his reindeer. Plus, you can enjoy a free movie at Portage Theatres just by bringing a non-perishable food item for our local food pantry.

Santa loves cookies! He spends the first Saturday in

December at the Portage Cookie Walk. You can come visit various stores and fill your cookie box with lots of yummy treats. Don't eat them all at once... you should share at least one with Santa at Edgewater Home and Garden where you can have your photo taken.

Santa is still quite busy leading up to Christmas, but he takes time to have breakfast with all the kids in Portage at our local Culver's on the second Saturday in December. Custard for breakfast... Yum!

Santa sure is a busy guy visiting us here in Portage. We invite you to bring your family and create new memories with Santa during our winter holiday season. For a detailed list of these events and so many more for our area you can visit our website at www.portagewi.com.

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TASTE OF PORTAGE

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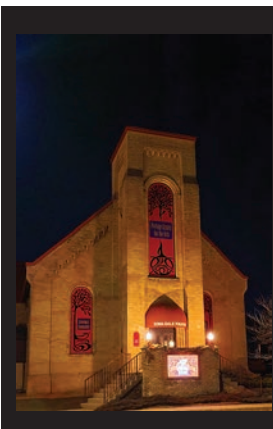
You are invited to visit the art gallery and performance theatre located in downtown Portage. Come enjoy live concert performances, watch the Zona Gale Young People's Theatre come to life, listen to the sounds of the Gale Singers Community Choir and take in a Theatre production from the Portage Area Community Theatre. The Gallery inside hosts monthly art work exhibits from various artists all year long. Shows change every month and you can find details on the artists and performers at our website www.portagecenterforthearts.com



CANAL DAYS
SATURDAY, JUNE 3
 Come to downtown Portage and enjoy the parade, entertainment and shopping.



HALF MARATHON & 5K
SATURDAY, AUGUST 26
 Lace up your shoes and run the streets of Portage. Stay for the weekend and enjoy all the activities during Taste of Portage.



Home to the Zona Gale Young People's Theatre, the Gale Singers, a Performing Arts Concert Series, Portage Area Community Theatre productions, the Drury Gallery and more!



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301 E. Cook St.
 Portage, WI
 608-742-5655

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WONDERFUL DESTINATION

The Portage Area Chamber of Commerce proudly welcomes you to Historic Portage: a wonderful tourist destination to visit, a great place to raise your family and the right location to grow your business. Our area offers small town charm with residential neighborhoods and growing commercial business sites, next to the beautiful Wisconsin and Fox Rivers. Our strong historical heritage offers an excellent environment in which to live and work. We are certainly eager to share this rich history with all who pass through.

With a population just over 10,000, Portage - the county seat for Columbia County - has a vibrant downtown, lively arts center and various museum attractions. Our historic downtown hosts a variety of quaint niche stores, restaurants and specialty shops located next to our Portage Canal and the Wisconsin River Levee Walking Path. Take in a movie at our seven-screen Theatre or stop in for an art show or performance at our Portage Center for the Arts, also in the downtown.

Since we are located along the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers, there is great opportunity for fishing, enjoying a slow paddle with your canoe or kayak or bringing your bicycle for a ride along the path. Keeping yourself active will be easy by taking in a game of golf at our two local courses and summertime fun at the beach takes place at beautiful Silver Lake Beach. We also offer over 15 parks



to enjoy including a Splash Pad for young children and a recently expanded Skateboard Park.

During the winter months you can take part in curling at our local club, ice-skating at the pond at Pauquette Park or getting outside for skiing, snowboarding, and tubing at Cascade Mountain.

Our significant historical heritage, small-town charm and seasonal recreational opportunities create a desirable setting in which to live, work and play. We invite you to visit Portage and enjoy all our community has to offer you. www.portagewi.com

Fort Winnebago's
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Step back to 1832...
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May 15-Oct. 15: Wed.-Sat. 10-4, and Sun. 12-5
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1490 Agency House Rd.
Portage, WI 53901

www.agencyhouse.org

FORT WINNEBAGO
SURGEONS QUARTERS HISTORIC SITE
Wisconsin Daughters of the American Revolution
PORTAGE, WISCONSIN

Overlooking the Fox River, the log building was used for a portaging and trading business before becoming the home of Fort Winnebago Surgeons from 1834 through 1845. See historic artifacts and furnishings related to Fort Winnebago and early Portage history.

Join us for a guided tour of the Surgeons Quarters.
May 15 through October 15 Wed.-Sun 10am-4pm, Last tour 3pm
www.fortwinnebago.org
(608) 742-2949
1824 Highway 33 East, Portage, Wisconsin

The Fort Winnebago Surgeons Quarters Historic Site is owned and operated by the Wisconsin Society, Daughters of the American Revolution

RANDOLPH



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A GREAT PLACE TO GROW!

Randolph is a traditional, small town community located about an hour north of Madison, bound by two counties, Dodge and Columbia. It sits within 5 miles of great fishing and recreational lakes, which include Beaver Dam Lake and Fox Lake.

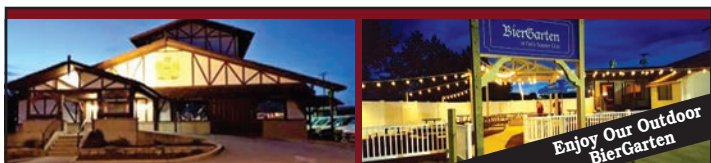
Randolph offers peaceful neighborhoods, quality schools both public and parochial, a variety of churches and recreational opportunities with a beautiful park and community pool.

The village has a strong agricultural economic support from many farmers in the area and is proud of that heritage. It also features a variety of businesses including retail, convenience stores, large grocery store, health and insurance services, restaurants and more. The largest Randolph employer is Jung's Garden Center which was established in Randolph over 100 years ago.

Randolph's economic development committee is available to meet the needs of existing business and industries, and is able to accommodate and provide financial incentives for new industries seeking to relocate or expand in its growing business park.

Your visit wouldn't be complete without stopping at Feil's Supper Club, the area's best place to celebrate authentic German gemütlichkeit. Where you can sit outside and enjoy their beautiful outdoor Biergarten.

Come for a visit or to stay, and you will agree that Randolph is "A Great Place to Grow".



FEIL'S Supper Club

A Traditional Wisconsin Supper Club

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- **Sunday** - Brunch
- **Wednesday & Sunday**
All You Can Eat
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Each Month



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& Craft Beers
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N8743 Hwy. 73, Randolph

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Bar Opens 4 p.m.
Wed - Thurs Dinner 4:30 - 9 p.m.
Sunday Bar Opens 10 a.m.
Sunday Brunch 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sunday Dinner 4 - 9 p.m.
Fri - Sat Dinner 4:30 - 9:30 p.m.

920-326-5544

N8743 HWY 73

Randolph

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Randolph on Hwy 73



Randolph is also the host of the famous FFA Alumni Community Corn Carnival, which is held on Labor Day every year. Enjoy the FFA breakfast, followed by the parade and more fun to be had at the park.

RIO *Wisconsin*

Camper Country U.S.A

Rio is centrally located in Columbia County on Hwy. 16, midway between Columbus and Portage. Rio, "Camper Country" has three near-by campgrounds for summer outings and groomed snowmobile trails for winter fun. It has a variety of local businesses including a grocery store, bowling alley, Johnson's Sausage Shop and the Hometown Cafe making it a pleasant stop for travelers.



2023 Rio Calendar of Events

Rio Village Wide Garage Sale
May 12 & 13

Welcome Back Campers!
Saturday, May 20
Rio Street Dance
From 7-11 pm

Live Music
Saturday, June 24th
Bad Habit – 7:00 to 9:00 PM
Playing hit music from the '50s, '60s and '70s – and more.
Rio Depot Park

Rio Fly in
Sunday, June 25 - 7 am

Live Music
Saturday, July 15th
Elvis & Cash – 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Elvis Presley & Johnny Cash Impersonators
Rio Depot Park

Rio EMS Fundraiser
Saturday, August 5
At Willow Mills Campsite

Live Music
Saturday, August 5th
Whiskey Belles – 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Hank Williams passion, Carter family harmonies, with a little Hee Haw mixed in for good measure.
The Whiskey Belles are an all- female trio who mix vintage...
Rio Depot Park

Rio Village Parade and Street Dance
Saturday, August 19
Downtown Rio, WI

Live Music
Sunday, September 17th
Steve Meisner Polka Band – 3:00 to 5:00 PM, on Steve Meisner is in the Polka Hall of Fame.
Great polkas and related music!
Rio Depot Park



Willow Mill CAMPSITE

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