TOWN OF CALEDONIA

FALL 2026

UPCOMING DATES

September 12: Lion's Club Caledonia Fest
September 21: Town Board Meeting
November 3: Election
November 16: Budget Meeting & Town Board Meeting
Mid December: Tax bills arrive

CALEDONIA FEST

Saturday, September 12

Readfield Park

Hosted by MDR Lions Club

2026 FALL HIGHLIGHTS

Progress you can see, plans you can trust

Our community continues to move forward with initiatives that strengthen infrastructure, expand recreational opportunities, and support responsible growth. Here are some highlights:

Gruetzmacher Park is now open to the public! Located at N2261 Bean City Road, this park has something for everyone. You can now make reservations for 2027 rentals. On behalf of the Town, the Town Board would like to thank the Gruetzmacher Family Trust, Go Green Quarry, Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program, and the donors and volunteers who made the park possible! More details on Pages 4 & 5.

November Election: Information about requesting an absentee ballot, hours for voting absentee in-person, and where you can learn information about what's on the ballot is on Page 2.

High Speed Broadband Internet: Brightspeed currently has Caledonia scheduled on the 2027 calendar pending environmental, permitting, and review. Page 3 contains more information.

Responsible Development Planning: The Caledonia Planning Commission has been tasked with planning sustainable, controlled growth to ensure steady revenue increases.

Kanaman Bridge replacement planning: The Town is pleased to announce that we have been awarded a 90/10 State Department of Transportation grant to replace the Kanaman Road bridge over Potter's Creek! More details on Page 2.

Dale Fire and Rescue EMS Truck Purchase: The number of EMS calls has increased significantly in recent years. Dale Fire and Rescue purchased a vehicle dedicated for EMS response. The EMS truck will be placed in service later this year. Check out an image of the truck on Page 7.

The Waupaca County Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) hosts Memory Café on the second Monday of each month at 1pm at the Waupaca Public Library. More details on Page 6.

Together, these efforts reflect the continued commitment of the Town of Caledonia to invest wisely, plan thoughtfully, and build a strong future for our community.

www.TOWNOFCALEDONIA.com

Watch the town website for meetings and other important town news!

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Town Board Meetings
3rd Monday of the month
Caledonia Town Hall
E9181 State Road 96
Readfield WI 54969

NOVEMBER 3, 2026 ELECTION INFORMATION

The election will be held on Tuesday, November 3 at the Caledonia Town Hall located at E9181 State Road 96, Readfield. Polls will be open from 7am-8pm. Photo ID is required to vote.

Register online, request an absentee ballot, find your polling place, and see a sample ballot at:
myvote.wi.gov

Any qualified voter who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day is eligible to vote an absentee ballot. Request an absentee ballot or see a sample ballot at **myvote.wi.gov** or vote in -person absentee by contacting Clerk Snyder at caledoniatown-clerk@gmail.com or (920) 667-4773. Requests for mailed ballots must be received by 5pm on October 29.

In-person absentee voting will run from October 20 through 5pm on October 30.

In person absentee hours will be posted on the Town website & on the board outside the Town Hall. Clerks will also be available by appointment Monday - Friday in addition to posted hours.

Proof of identification must be provided before a ballot may be issued.

KANAMAN ROAD BRIDGE

The Town is pleased to announce that we have been awarded a 90/10 State Department of Transportation grant to replace the Kanaman Road bridge over Potter's Creek!

After a recent inspection identified the need for replacement, the Town Board worked diligently with the DNR and Waupaca County to develop an approved plan to secure this funding. The grant is the most cost effective option for the Town, with the Town's share estimated at only $11,000!

The Town will seek bids next February with construction expected to be completed by Fall 2027.

Until then, the bridge remains safe to use. It is designated as a one lane bridge to keep vehicles in the center of the bridge. The deteriorated areas are along the outside edges and have been blocked with orange barrels to keep drivers away from those sections.

The Town appreciates everyone's patience as we work toward replacing this important piece of local infrastructure.

BROADBAND EXPANSION CONTINUES

For more than a decade, the Caledonia Town Board has worked to improve broadband access for our residents, businesses, farms, and students. We have studied options, built partnerships, and advocated for reliable, high-speed internet service. We are pleased to report that those efforts are moving us closer to that goal.

Brightspeed and Bertram were both awarded Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) grants for projects in Caledonia. Brightspeed will be the primary provider responsible for expanding broadband coverage throughout the Town. When completed, this project is expected to bring high-speed fiber optic broadband service to 100% of Caledonia residents and introduce competition in the areas of Town currently served by Spectrum. This is an important investment in our community that will support economic development, remote work, telehealth, education, and everyday connectivity.

Brightspeed has completed all the required grant documents and is now developing rollout plans for the $180 million in BEAD-funded projects they were awarded. The company has four years to complete the work. At this time, Caledonia is placed on the 2027 schedule. This is subject to change based on environmental reviews, permits, and scheduling changes.

The Caledonia Town Board remains in monthly contact with Brightspeed to stay informed about the project and advocate for Caledonia as the rollout plans are developed. While the Town has limited control over the construction schedule, we will continue to stay engaged and do what we can to keep the project moving forward. We're grateful for the BEAD funding that is making this expansion possible.



CALEDONIA FACILITIES

With the completion of the Gruetzmacher Community Center within Gruetzmacher Park, the Town will be transitioning all community group meetings, indoor rentals, and exercise classes to the Gruetzmacher Community Center during the fall of 2026.

The pavilion within Readfield Park will continue to be available for rentals and Readfield Park will continue to host community events like the Chicken BBQ and Caledonia Fest.

The existing building next to Readfield Park will be renamed Caledonia Town Hall and will be used exclusively for government business, elections, Planning Commission and Town Board meetings.

Information about renting Town facilities can be found at: www.townofcaledonia.com/hall-park-rental

GRUETZMACHER PARK IS NOW OPEN!

The wait is over - Gruetzmacher Park is officially OPEN! Come out and explore the park! Walk the trails, try the skills track, enjoy a game of pickleball, watch the kids play, or relax and enjoy the scenery.

With eight pickleball courts, a playground, a bike skills course and pump track, miles of trails, a sledding hill, a gorgeous pavilion, and plenty of nature to explore, Gruetzmacher Park has something for everyone!

At the heart of the park is the Gruetzmacher Community Center, a beautiful year-round pavilion. The pavilion is open to the public between the hours of 6am-10pm, with limited access when it's reserved or rented.

You can now make reservations for 2027 pavilion rentals. Information about renting Town of Caledonia facilities including the Gruetzmacher Community Center can be found at www.townofcaledonia.com/hall-park-rental. The Gruetzmacher Community Center is a wonderful place to bring people together!

A massive project like this doesn't happen without a community pulling together. The Town Board wants to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the volunteers, donors, supporters, and partners who helped make this park possible. Your time, generosity, and excitement about this project have created a wonderful park for the community to enjoy!

Our Town Chairperson, Bill Abba, deserves special recognition for making this vision a reality. Bill invested an extraordinary amount of time and energy bringing this project from conception to completion, planning, coordinating, meeting, budgeting, and overseeing the countless details required to bring a project this size together. Thank you Bill for your leadership, persistence, and dedication!

This park was created for our community and we can't wait to see you enjoying it. Watch for details about the official Grand Opening event expected in May 2027.





Thank you Bruce Fielding for the drone photos





GRUETZMACHER PARK RECOGNITION

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Donor recognition list:

Founder's Circle ($100,000+):

Ivan & Jeanette Gruetzmacher
Gruetzmacher Family Trust
Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program
Go Green Quarry

Visionary Donors ($50,000 - $99,999):

Legacy Donors ($30,000 - $49,999):

Bill & Robyn Abba

Steward Donors ($10,000 - $29,999):

Waupaca County Greenway Commission
MDR Lions Club
ANR Pipeline Company/TransCanada
McMahon Associates

Advocate Donors ($1,000 - $9,999):

Northland Electrical Services
Brandi Buss, Realtor with Tiffany Holt Real Estate Group, Coldwell Banker
Wolf River Community Bank
Jason Sturn
WisCorps
US Fish & Wildlife Service
Waupaca County Land & Water Conservation Department

Friends of the Park (under $1,000):

In memory of Dorothy A. Kramlich
In memory of Dick Gamble

Volunteer Recognition:

Town Board:

Bill Abba
Pete Bosquez
Carol Dobija
Vance Knuth

Park Committee:

Bill Abba
Helen Adams
Allen Grisar
Natalie Snyder
Alex Stine

Grant Writing Committee:

Bill Abba
Helen Adams
Pete Bosquez
Carol Dobija
Tamela McCartney
Natalie Snyder

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Carol Dobija
Dick Gamble
Susan Gruetzmacher
Pat Hull
Tamela McCartney
Natalie Snyder
Lorie Stoltz
Jason West

Playground Committee:

Andrea Gruetzmacher
Jared Gruetzmacher
Tamela McCartney
Natalie Snyder
Lorie Stoltz

Other people who made this possible:

Lara Fondow
Gregg Johnson
Kandi Kircher
Karen Kopitzke
Charlie Kudy
Emily Miller
Mary Mueller
Trish Nau
Greg Peterson
Blake Schlaeppi
Ryan Schroeder
Wally Sedlar
Jessica Terrien
Brad Werner
Strongwood
Waupaca County Highway Department

gofundme

Scan to donate to Town Of Caledonia's fundraiser
"Help Build Gruetzmacher Park: 47 acres & all the amenities!"

MEMORY CAFÉ: AN ADRC PROGRAM

The Waupaca County Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC), the Fox Valley Memory Project, and the Waupaca County Public Library collaborate to sponsor Memory Café. Mackenzie Jorgenson, program manager for the Fox Valley Memory Project, describes Memory Café as "a welcoming social gathering for individuals experiencing memory loss or dementia and their care partners, family members, friends, or neighbors. There is no cost to attend and a formal diagnosis is not required." For those experiencing memory loss, a care partner, family member, or friend should accompany the individual to Memory Café events.

What happens at Memory café? Mackenzie said, "Each Memory Café is a little different! Activities may include games, music, arts, crafts, nature-based activities, trivia, guest presenters, seasonal activities, and other opportunities to socialize and have fun in a comfortable, supportive environment.

For More information on Waupaca County ADRC dementia care services or to speak with a Dementia Care Specialist, call (715) 258-6400. The Fox Valley Memory Project also offers many resources and services listed on its website www.foxvalleymemoryproject.org or call (920) 225 -1711.

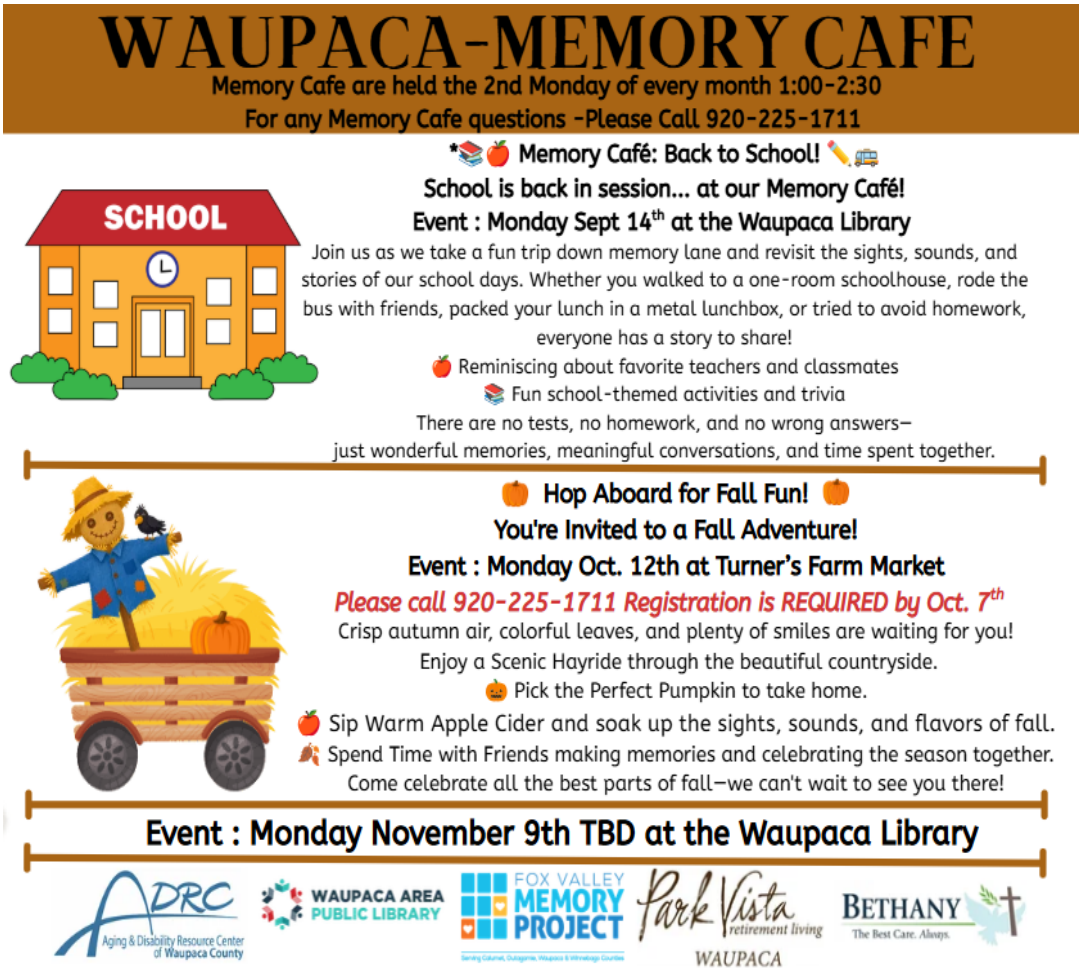
Memory Café is held the second Monday of each month at 1pm at the Waupaca Public Library. Registration is typically not required unless otherwise noted.

DATES:

September 14 @ 1pm
Waupaca Public Library
"Back to School" theme

October 12 @ 1pm
Waupaca Public Library
"Fall Adventure" theme

November 9 @ 1pm
Waupaca Public Library



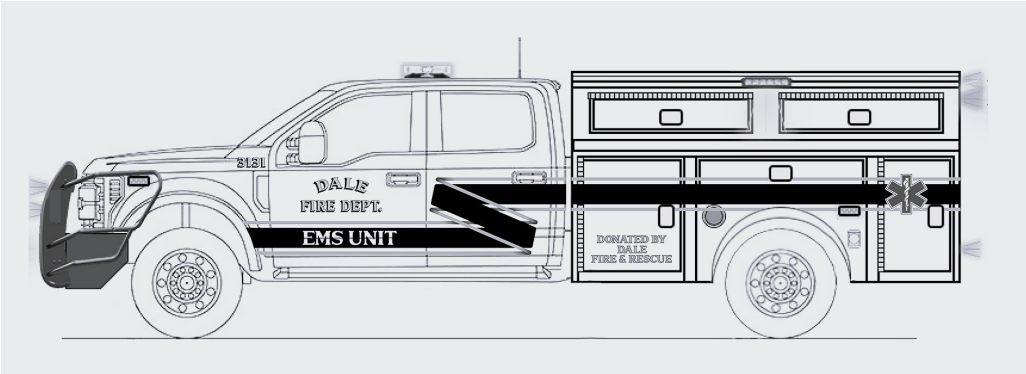
NEW EMS TRUCK

The Town of Caledonia partners with the Dale Fire and Rescue Department to provide fire and emergency services to our community. This partnership has been very successful and Caledonia receives excellent, high-quality service.

The Dale Fire and Rescue team has determined that a new EMS response truck is needed to meet the growing demand for emergency medical services. EMS calls have seen a significant increase in recent years. The Department does not currently have a response vehicle dedicated to medical calls. The new truck has been ordered and will deliver later in 2026.

The two towns have an agreement to share expenses based on population as equipment and capital needs arise. The Town of Caledonia is responsible for 30% of the cost of new capital equipment purchases. The Caledonia Town Board approved and funded $40,000 to cover the Town's 30% share of the purchase of the EMS Truck.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all of the emergency response personnel who serve our community. Their dedication and hard work are invaluable. By contributing our fair share toward the equipment they need, we ensure they are able to respond to emergencies as efficiently and safely as possible.



Dale Fire and Rescue is looking for Fire and EMS volunteers to serve our community.

If you are interested or have any questions, please call Deputy Chief/EMS Service Lead Bob Wilkins (920) 850-2691 or Fire Chief Chad Degal at (920) 213-5324.

CHECK YOUR FIRE NUMBER

It is essential that emergency responders can quickly locate your property in an emergency. Every occupied or improved property in the Town has a fire number, which also serves as your address. It is located next to your driveway entrance along the nearest public road.

Please check your fire number to make sure:

- It is present and securely in place
- It is not faded or damaged
- It is clearly visible and easy to read

If emergency responders cannot see your fire number, it can delay or complicate their response.

If your fire number is missing, damaged, faded, or difficult to read, please contact Vance Knuth at (920) 205-9696 or caledoniasupervisor2@gmail.com so he can order a replacement at no cost to you.

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PRSRT STD
ECRWSS
U.S.POSTAGE
PAID
EDDM Retail

Local
Postal Customer

Public Health Vending Machines



Two Locations:

Waupaca County Courthouse:
811 Harding St., First Floor
Waupaca, WI 54981
Open M-F, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Compassionate Connections Center:
143 S. Main St., Entryway
Clintonville, WI 54929
Open 24/7

Items Available



Scan for more details!

Public Health

Land Use & Building Permits

A Land Use Permit is required before obtaining a Building Permit. Contact Waupaca County Zoning Office at (715) 258-6255

Before doing any home improvement project, contact building inspector Lee Robbert at (920) 850-2686 or (920) 836-3681. Email at mlrobbert@centurytel.net

Garbage & Recycling

Recycling pickup: **bi-weekly on Thursday**

Garbage pickup is **every Thursday**

To ensure efficient pickup, please place your barrels **at least 4 feet apart**. For most households, positioning one barrel on each side of the driveway works best.

FLUORESCENT LIGHTS FOR SALE

23 2x4 fluorescent lights for sale

$8 each

Contact Vance Knuth at (920) 205-9696

General Election
November 3, 2026

Register online, see a sample ballot, request an absentee ballot, find your polling place at:

myvote.wi.gov