

CALEDONIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Preserving Caledonia's past for the future

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Welcome to the first edition of the Caledonia Historical Society newsletter. Our goal with this newsletter is to keep you informed of the continuing efforts of the Caledonia Historical Society. The newsletter will be distributed before each upcoming meeting. We want to encourage your continuing interest in preserving the rich history of Caledonia.

The January 10th meeting was held and officers were elected. They are Jennifer Blau- President, Susan Jensen-Secretary, Al Hamele-Treasure, and Mary Mittlesteadt -Program Secretary.

The Treasure reported no expenses or income since the last meeting. The current balance is \$1445.45.

Nancy reported on the status of the library. The committee is continuing to work on organizing the library material. The emphasis right now is working on the early books from the township. The library committee is Jennifer Blau, Chris Blau, Kay MacLeish, and Nancy Wehlage. If you would like to help with the library, call Nancy at 742-5349.

The meeting dates were set for 2010. They are : March 9, May 11, July 13, and Nov 9. They will be held at 7pm at the Caledonia Town Hall. The Sept meeting date to be determined due to conflict with the primary election.

Upcoming program topics were discussed for 2010. They include Caledonia School, Road Names, and Caledonia Fairs-4H-FFA

From Mary Mittlesteadt about the May 11 program. Save and bring your memories and old photos etc of Caledonia School. It will be 50 years old this year and we are planning a discussion about the school PAST up to the PRESENT.

If you have any questions call Mary at 742-2912.

The next meeting will be held **Tuesday March 9th** at 7pm at the Caledonia Town Hall. It will be an organizational meeting. For more information contact Jennifer Blau at 608-697-0279

Officers:

President: Jennifer Blau

Secretary: Susan Jensen

Treasure: Al Hamele

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Library Committee:

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Do you know?

How many post offices were in Caledonia and where were they located?

see the answer in the next issue

Caledonia History Corner

On February 3, 1846 Columbia County was formed from Portage County. There were 3 election districts: Dekorra, Fort Winnebago, and Columbus. What was to become the town of Caledonia was divided by the Baraboo River. All the land north of the river was in the Fort Winnebago district and all the land to the south of the river was in the Dekorra district. A petition was granted on November 11, 1851 to organize the town of Caledonia. It included all the land in Columbia County west of the Wisconsin River and north and south of the Baraboo River.

Source: The Wisconsin State Register
September 21, 1895