

# CALEDONIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Preserving Caledonia's past for the future

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!!!!!! **Change of location of Sept 14th meeting due to conflict with primary elections. The meeting is being held at the Caledonia Presbyterian Church on Hwy 78.**

Debra Jensen will be leading the program discussion about FFA, 4-H and Fairs. Please bring any pictures, memories, or items to display dealing with this topic.

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During the July 13th meeting it was decided to laminate some of the pages with Caledonia in the old plat books as they are in very poor condition. There was discussion about taking a field trip next summer to see Bill and Rita Zamzow's museum in Princeton. Joanne and Debra Jensen will look into getting plaques that will list all the town chairmen that have served Caledonia since 1851. Jennifer Blau led the program about road names. Most people in the township called the roads by a name but by the late 1960's all roads in the township had to "officially" have names. The town board took on the task of naming the roads. Some roads took the name of a settler that lived on that road.

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The CHS newsletter is now available on the Town of Caledonia web site: [www.townofcaledonia.org](http://www.townofcaledonia.org)

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## Do you know?

Can you name the 3 men from Caledonia that served in the Wisconsin State Legislature?

see the answer in the next issue

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From the editors: Next year - 2011 - is the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War. We are planning on doing a series of articles for the newsletter about Caledonia residents and the Civil War. I'm looking for any information that anyone has about either the soldier and sailors or stories of life on the home front during this time. I will have more information in the next newsletter but start digging in the attic for information dealing with this topic.

The next meeting will be held **Tuesday September 14th** at 7pm at the Caledonia Presbyterian Church on Hwy 78. The program will be about FFA, 4-H, and Fairs. For more information contact Jennifer Blau at 608-697-0279 or [jenablau@hotmail.com](mailto:jenablau@hotmail.com)

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Caledonia History Corner is also the answer to the Do you know question from the last newsletter

note: exactly how it was in the paper - errors and all

An Open Letter to Hon Jeremiah Rusk

Hon Jeremiah Rusk, Secretary of Agriculture, Washington DC. - *Dear Sir:* We understand there is an appropriation of \$2,000 to bring rain. We would feel very much obliged to you if you would send a portion to Caledonia, Columbia Co, Wisconsin, on account of the severe drouth prevailing here. The high Baraboo Bluffs, from which the dynamite could be fired, would be one of the best points on which to conduct the experiments and would warrant their success, so that coming congresses may be more liberal in appropriations, if they don't become Democratic. There are many old soldiers in the town who have seen service for our country's safety and these could conduct the experiments and so you could be sure that they were fairly conducted and all directions completely followed. Our townsmen have been observing your movements in the political field with great pleasure and if you should be fortunate as to receive the next Republican presidential nomination you may be sure of our hearty support and co-operation if you will kindly grant the above request. We are your respectful and obedient servants. CITIZENS OF CALEDONIA

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