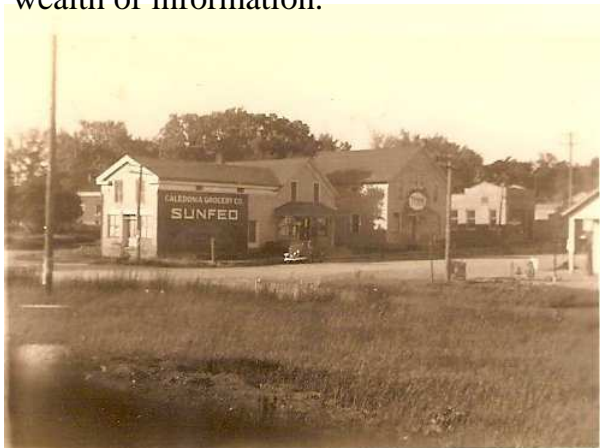


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Caledonia History

The picture below is labeled “Downtown Caledonia, June 22, 1936, taken through a railroad car window”. Unfortunately, the grocery building, the former Ralston Hall and now the old bank building have been lost to devastating fires. The Caledonia National Bank received its charter June 22, 1914 and was open for business December 1, 1914. George R. Wilson remembered paper currency with the Caledonia National Bank printed on the face of the bills. During the depression when banks were closing, the Caledonia Bank remained solvent. In 1934, the stockholders decided to merge with the Second National Bank of Belvidere, leaving Caledonia without a bank. In 1952, the Caledonia Post Office occupied the old bank building until it moved into the new building on Rt 173. We would like to thank the Boone County Historical Society for the photograph and wealth of information.



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Binanti's Restaurant Cleanup

Jo and Sal Binanti have completed the demolition of their fire damaged restaurant property. We would like to thank them for the cleanup and wish them the best with their new business. They have recently opened Binanti's Dockside Grill in Candlewick Lake.

Attention: Public Hearing

There will be a public hearing at 6PM on April 6, 2010 at the Caledonia Fire Station regarding a special use permit by the Village of Caledonia for a community garden at 2341 Randolph Street. For further information please contact Rod Fritz at 815-670-7788, write rodrfritz@gmail.com, or contact any trustee or our village clerk.

Community Gardens Project

The Community Garden Project is funded by the City of Rockford Human Services Department, Community Services Block Grant-ARRA, and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

The purpose is to provide funding to neighborhood groups to create community gardens within their neighborhoods.

Some requirements include planting a row for the hungry, all residents must be allowed to participate and any surplus food will go to local residents and the food pantry.

We have applied for the grant. More information will be available if we receive the grant as the planting season is fast approaching.

Candlewick Lake Association Incorporation Request

The Caledonia Village Board rejected the request of Candlewick Lake representatives to annex with the Village of Caledonia after much discussion and listening to our residents.

Candlewick Lake is now contemplating incorporation into the City of Candlewick Lake. To proceed with the incorporation process, Candlewick Lake would have to obtain permission from any municipality within 1 ½ miles according to the Illinois Compiled Statutes. This would include permission from the Villages of Poplar Grove, Timberlane and Caledonia.

Village Street Improvements

Caledonia Township has done an excellent job filling in our potholes we had on many of our streets. The larger culvert project at Front Street and Main Street is being handled by our village engineers at McMahon and Associates. These projects will be covered by our \$20,000 State Grant which was received earlier in the year.

Caledonia Village Meetings

All meetings are at the Caledonia Fire Station – 2428 Main Street

April 6 – Public Hearing 6:00PM

April 6 - Committee of the Whole 6:15PM

April 20 - Village Board 7PM

May 1 – Caledonia Open House

May 4 - Committee of the Whole 6:15PM

May 18 - Village Board 7PM

Welcome New Trustee

Mike Pfaffinger is the newest trustee to join our Village Board. His wife Sue is our Village Clerk. We would like to welcome Mike and thank him for helping our community.

Trustee Steps Down

Colleen Blaney has stepped down from serving as a trustee on our Village Board. We would like to express our gratefulness to Colleen for serving on our Village Board when we needed a minimum number of trustees to continue business. Her intention was to help out until someone else would volunteer to serve. Thank you Colleen, the Village of Caledonia is most grateful.

Opportunity!

The Caledonia Village Board needs help filling three trustee positions. Our accomplishments depend on how successful we are at finding more people to join us. We need your help to progress as a village and focus on the possibilities for Caledonia. Please contact a village official for details of this rewarding opportunity.

Caledonia Village Open House

Caledonia will be 156 years old this year, and we are planning an open house May 1, 2010 to honor all its past and present residents. Thanks to Anna Ralston, Mary Newport and Kay Walters for making our first open house very enjoyable as they shared their firsthand experiences and histories of Caledonia. We will be sending out more details soon.

**Thank you,
Caledonia Village Board**