

Displays on the inside
change with different
events.



One of the first exhibits in the Township Hall was about our furry friends, called Dog House to House Dog.

Some of the Thursday Guys
who did the renovation
work were honored at the
dedication.





At the dedication ceremony Jerry Kott, whose dad was the township supervisor for many years and the Lee Philport the current supervisor in 2014, cut the ribbon.



This caboose
was donated
by Dick
Crawford and
moved to the
Historic
Village in
1990.



Then the box
car was
added a short
time later and
used for
storage.





The tank car was donated by Upjohn Company.

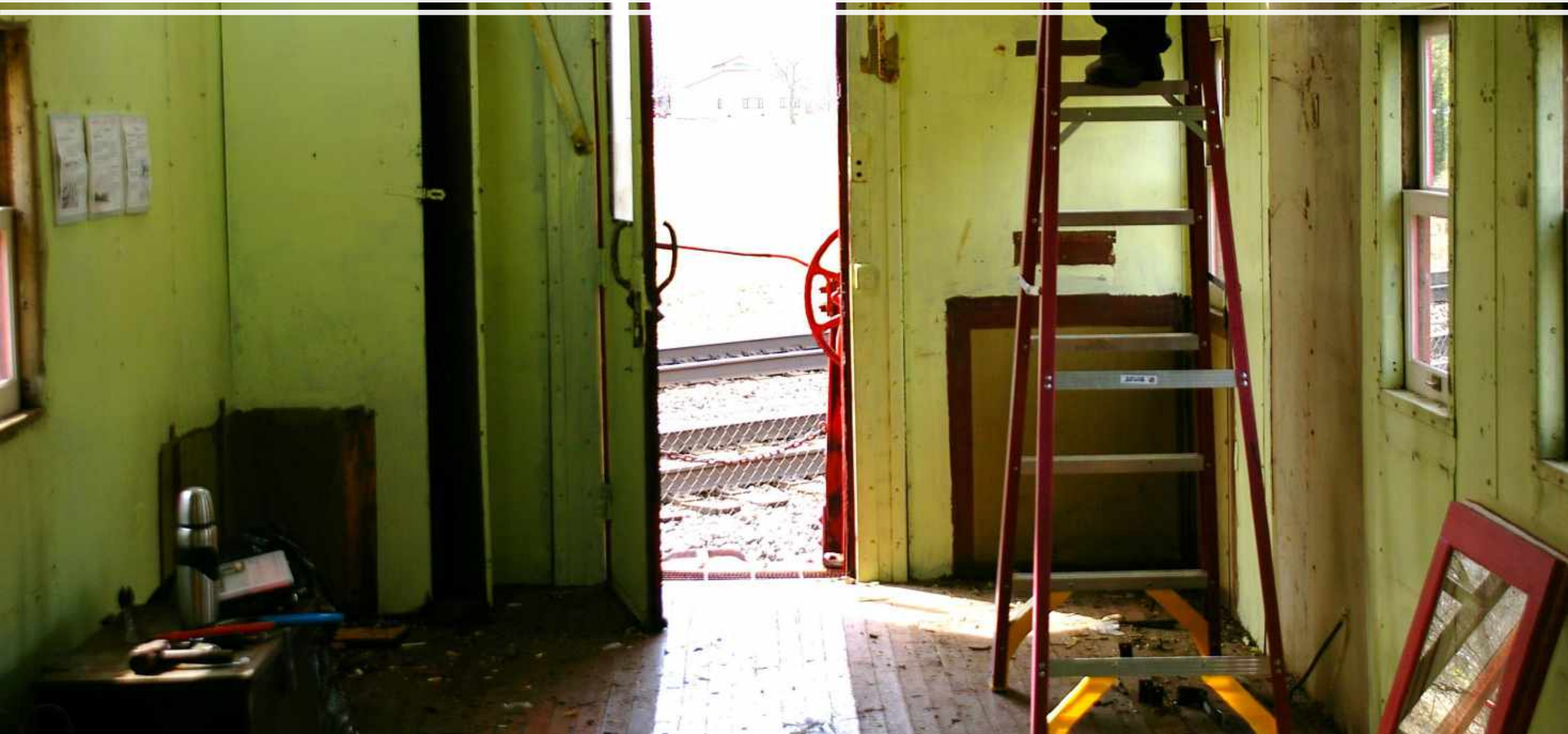


It took a lot of work to renovate the box car.

Ken Evensen as head of the Thursday Guys when they completely renovated the caboose. He points to what the conductor of the railroad who needed a stove to keep warm during the long days and nights.



Interior of the Caboose during renovation.



The inside of the caboose was made livable as part of a complete retrofitting of the donated railroad stock in the Historic Village.

Kids love to climb up into the cupola and look out onto the tracks as the conductor would have in the old days.



Warren
Lawrence
was MC for
the caboose
dedication.





The Thursday Guys act as brakemen at the caboose dedication.

The audience hears tales
of riding the rails at the
dedication.



Applause is for the men
who did the renovation of
the caboose.





The ribbon cutting. Shirley Crawford stood in for her husband Dick and Smitty Smith, a railroad buff holds the scissors.

The Box Car now houses a collection of ice cutting equipment used on Sunset Lake in the 1900s.





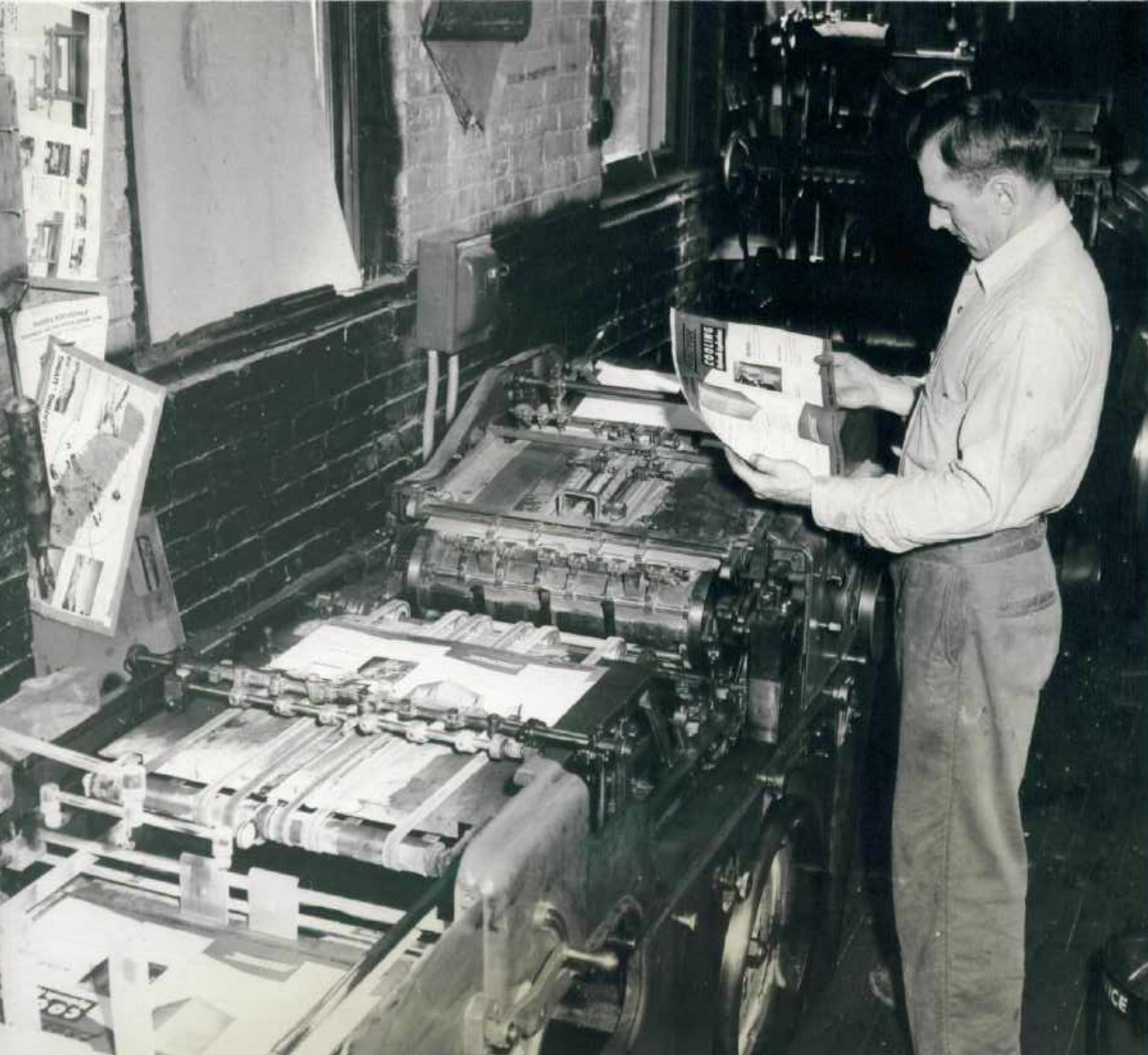
Dedication of the box
car renovation.



Guests from Numazoo, Japan get ready to board the caboose.

The
Commercial
-Express
print shop.





The Little Giant printing press with Mason Bishop inspecting his work in the former Commercial office.

The replica Print Shop in
the Historic Village.





An old fashioned printing press and pressman.



David Aubry demonstrates the linotype and the hand fed printing press in the Print Shop to school children.



Mason Bishop demonstrates the Washington printing press that was used in the 1800s.



David Aubry demonstrates the automatic printing press that was used in the early 1900s.

Dedication ceremony for
Grace's Grove in honor of
Grace Appell who helped
found the Victorian Garden
Club.





Lloyd Appell and his granddaughter at the dedication of Grace's Grove in the Historic Village.



Members of the Victorian Garden Club prepare the soil for Grace's Grove. Memorial funds from Grace's passing were used to plant the grove.



Others in the Garden Club
help with fall clean up.



Sometimes gardening requires heavy equipment help from the Village of Vicksburg.



Spring and fall clean up by the Garden Club takes place each year.

Victorian Garden Club
members plant hostas in
Grace's Grove.





A comorative rock for
Grace's Grove.



Kitch and Hugh Rinehart started the Quilt Trail under the auspices of the Historic Society in 20010.

The Ken and Lee Evensen
barn on the Quilt Trail.





One of the Quilt Trail
designs for sale at the
Depot.



Plaque committee
placements in
Vicksburg.

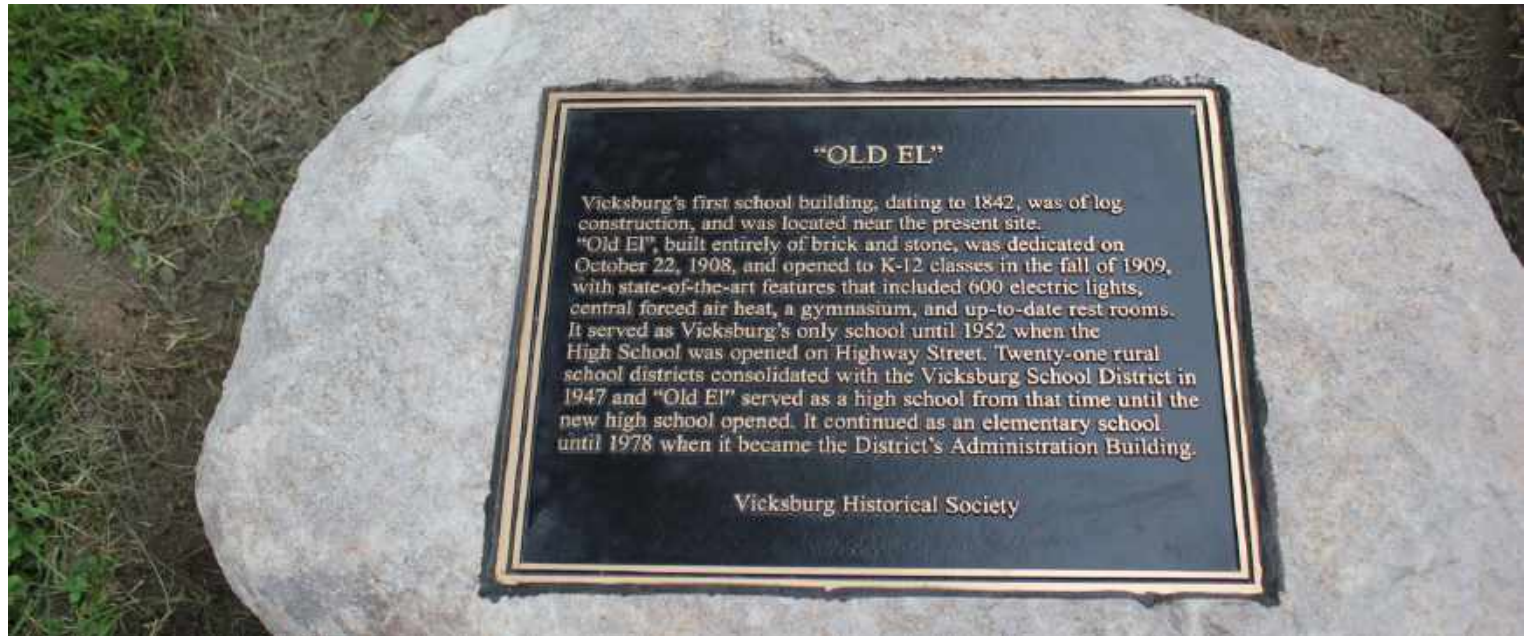
The plaque committee's biggest project to date has been the monument placed in Oswalt Park in 2018.





The first plaques were placed on the historic Community Center and Rawlinson's Appliance at 200 S. Main Street. This effort has been funded by private donations.





The Plaque committee placed a marker at the "Old Ed" to celebrate its 100 years.



The Plaque committee has installed bronze plaques through Vicksburg to mark historic properties at Prudential Nursery and 100 S. Main Street.

The image features a large, dark blue, irregular shape that resembles a splatter or a cloud of ink. This shape is centered on a white background and has several smaller, lighter blue splatters around its edges. The word "Research" is written in a white, sans-serif font, centered within the dark blue shape.

Research

Every week we have requests to research a family history or business in the community. We can provide pictures and written materials from our trove of photographs and written work.





Programs we have
presented

An Historical Society program featured the Bobby Davidson band with Vicksburg's Mason Bishop playing trombone in the 1950s in Kalamazoo.





Members of the Bobby Davidson band had a reunion at the program featuring the band. Mason Bishop is holding the mic.

Jim S.
Mason Bishop

Bobby Davidson


Bob Simpson

Dick Markville

Jim S.

HOLIDAY BALL
HOSTED BY JACKSON FIREMAN'S
RELIEF FUND ASSOCIATION
FRI - DEC. 4
8:00 P.M. TO 1:00 A.M.
MOOSE TEMPLE
COME DANCE TO THE
BIG BAND SOUND OF
BOBBY DAVIDSON
MEN OF MUSIC
12 PEOPLE

The Bobby Davidson Band
Presents
"Main Memories"
A Salute to the Big Bands
HILTON BALL ROOM
SUNDAY OCT. 18TH
4:30 & 11PM
Ticket Information 345-8223
345-2111

A photograph of an elderly man, Mason Bishop, wearing a light blue suit and a patterned tie, sitting at a wooden desk and signing a booklet with a red pen. An elderly woman with short, curly blonde hair, wearing a white jacket, is seated next to him, looking at the booklet. In the background, there is a white shelving unit containing various electronic equipment, including a turntable, a keyboard, and some boxes. The scene appears to be indoors, possibly in a room used for music or recording.

Mason Bishop signs an autograph of the booklet prepared for the band's program.



Lots of students
attended
classes in this
building.



"Old El"
Celebrating 100 years
1908 - 2008

The Historic Society contributed to the 100 year celebration of the former schoolhouse.

A 100 year time capsule was recovered and opened as part of the celebration.





And the band played on
for the occasion.

A large crowd took part in the 100 anniversary celebration, sponsored by the school and the Historical Society.



Championship sports
teams were honored.






School board president Skip Knowles with Superintendent Charlie Glaes and Bobby Collins show the contents of the time capsule.



We give Tours



Tours are a special part
of the Historic Village

Vicksburg students examine
the box car displays of ice
cutting equipment.



Lynn Houghton led a walking
tour of historic homes in
Vicksburg as part of a
Historical Society program



Tours are conducted for
Vicksburg school children in
the spring and fall.





Tours for adults are offered upon appointment.

Kids love
the
Caboose.



Kids have lots of questions about the Caboose.



Mike Coppens
is the docent in
the General
Store,
explaining what
its contents
hold to the
many on tours.





Adults can look back on their school days in a one room building with Docent June Kucks.

Tours of the
Farmhouse
are especially
interesting.





Antique car clubs
often stop to tour the
Historic Village.



Docent volunteers take people on a tour of the Historic Village.



Very expensive cars line up for display on the Village grounds.

The Gazebo was donated by Bill Snyder
in honor of his wife Maggie who has
contributed untold volunteer hours to
the Historical Society.

