



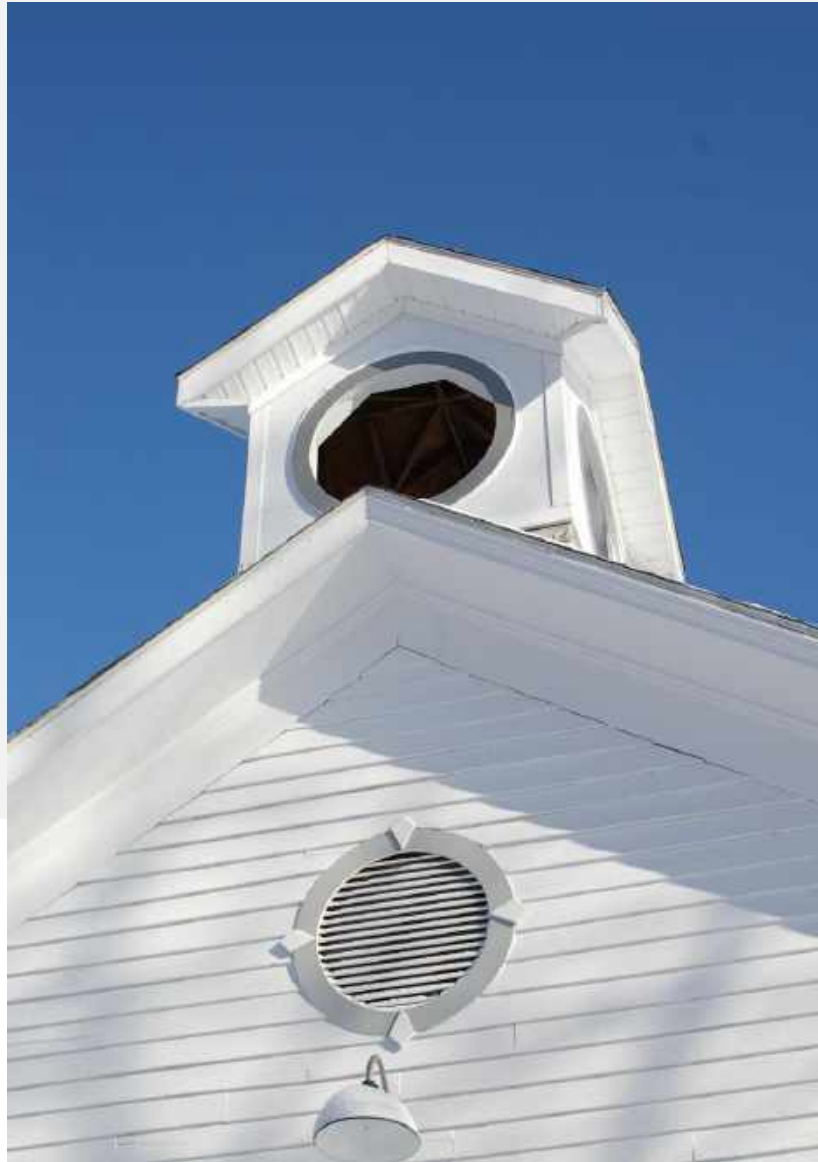
History Day
in 2019
taught
Middle
School
students
how to
research and
report on
their history
lessons.

History Day
winners in
2019.





The History Day winners gather in front of the Township Hall.



The Historical Society sponsors a speakers series each summer on many different subjects which are free to the public.

Pat Pettinga
and Bill
Willgang
presented
their musical
program in the
Township Hall.



How foods were prepared in the early 1900s was part of a program presented by the Historical Society.



A program on the Polish families who lived in Vicksburg was presented by the Historical Society.



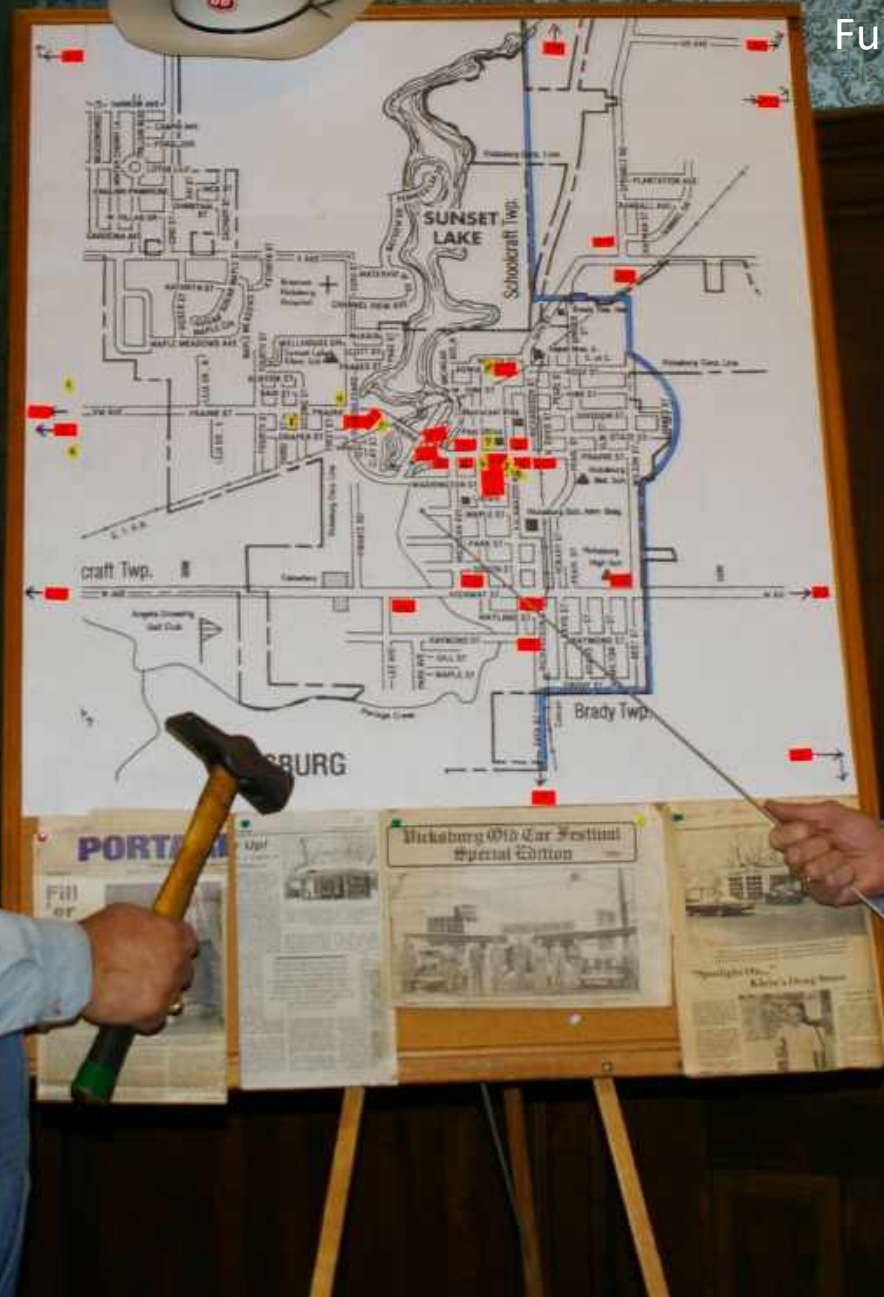


Polish family members sort through the hundreds of pictures on file at the Historical Society bringing up lots of memories.

Vicksburg and Schoolcraft Historical Societies combined to present a program on Teddy Roosevelt, prepared by Dr. Ken Franklin as the President.



A program on Vicksburg filling stations was presented by JR Fulton and Chuck Andrews.



The Teddy Roosevelt program was so well attended, it was offered twice. Here with Kristina Powers Aubry as the President's wife and Ken Franklin as Roosevelt.



A program on
the future of
Sunset Lake was
offered to the
public by the
Historical
Society.



Kent McCauley
and Tim
Moore
presented a
program on
the Mill.



Visitors from
Kalamazoo's Sister
City in Japan spent
a half day touring
the Historic Village
in 2019.

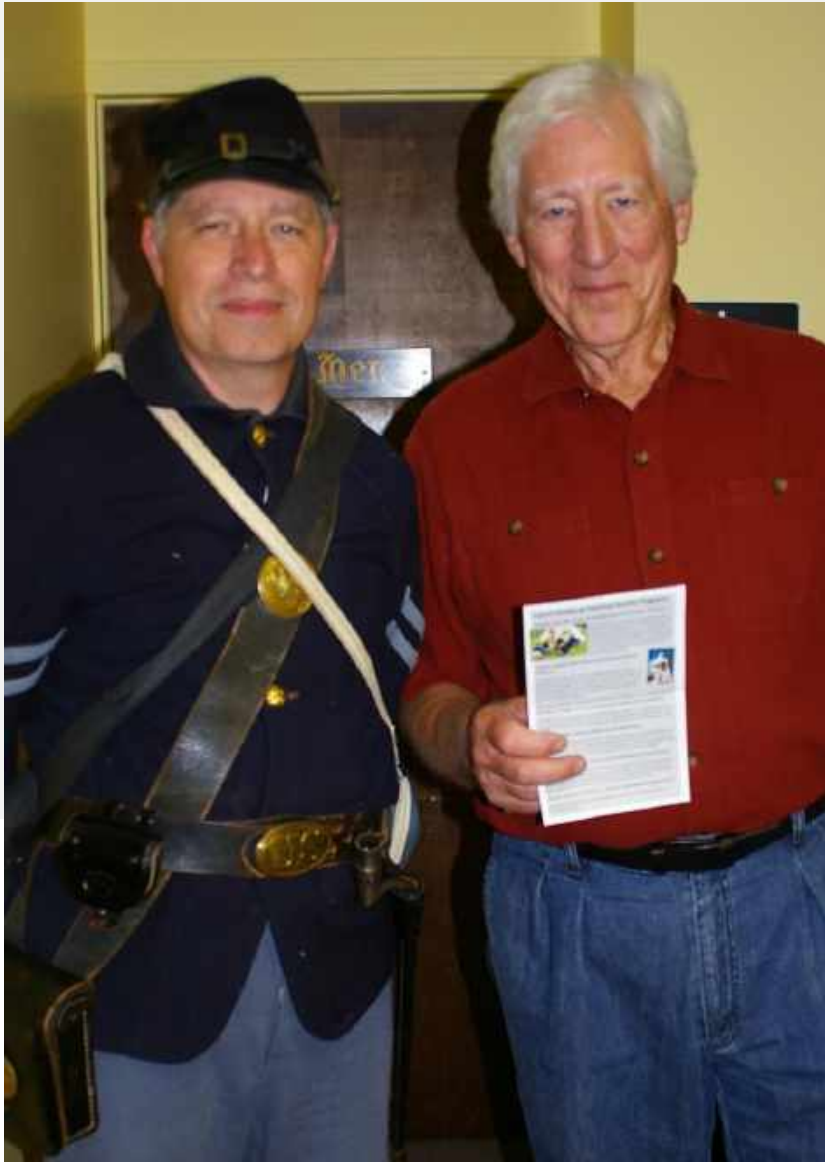




A program on Homer Stryker who grew up in Fulton was presented by his biographers pictured here.

The Homer Stryker program was presented in the Schoolhouse with over 40 in attendance.





Several Civil War presenters have been invited to speak at Historical Society programs.

Members of the Historical Society gather for a potluck dinner on the grounds of the Historic Village.





The Christmas Bake Sale is
a big fundraiser for the
Historical Society.



Kids and adults alike love to watch the model trains go around, thanks to Joe Timko and his crew.

The model o
gauge trains are
on display at
Christmas time.
Donations are
kindly accepted.





This rocking horse was hand made and donated to the Historical Society to raise funds. The winners receive the prize from the raffle drawing.



The Historical Society partners with Vicksburg Cultural Arts Center on various events.



Don Wiertella looks over some recent donations. He stands in the Express Office where some of the artifacts are stored.



The Historical Society sponsored an Osher Life Long Learning class in 2019. The group toured the Mill and downtown Vicksburg.



Olli classmates on tour
of the Mill renovations.



Olli classmates tour the Farmhouse as part of their class from Western Michigan University.



Olli class members also
toured downtown
Vicksburg and Clark Park.



Events



The Tin Can Tourists have been a fixture in the Historic Village during the Old Car Festival.



Antique tractors line the village green in the Historic Village during the Old Car Festival.

The village Garage is host to old time tractors as part of the annual Car Festival.



The Harvest Festival is in its 11th year. It celebrates the agriculture of our surrounding area.





Harvest
Festival
4th Saturday
of September
Here!

This train from bales of hay was constructed by Mike and Bill Oswalt for the early Harvest Festivals.



Garden Club members sell their wares during the Harvest Festival.



The Harvest Festival is for
children of all ages.





Pumpkin decorating is a big part of the Harvest Festival.



General Store

Thursday Guys move out
furnishings from Doris Lee
Sweet Shop in downtown
Vicksburg. These fixtures later
became part of the display in
the Historic Village.



Doris Lee Sweet Shop served up
all kinds of ice cream for over
50 years in downtown
Vicksburg. A replica now is on
display in the Historic Village.



Construction on the General Store and Doris Lee Sweet Shop began in 2015 with the Thursday Guys doing the work.





These General Store counters were donated by a family in Ionia from a store that was frozen in time around 1920.



This is what the donated counter looked like before it was installed in the General Store.

A visitor to the General Store steps up to buy a trinket.



All kinds of merchandise
was available in a turn of
the century General Store.





The General Store's
Docent Bradon Geeseman.

Dedication
ceremony for the
newest buildings
in the Historic
Village took
place in 2016.



Lots of people showed up to
celebrate the General Store
and Sweet Shop
completion.



Ken and Lee Evensen
were honored for their
long years of
volunteering and
dedication to the
Historical Society.

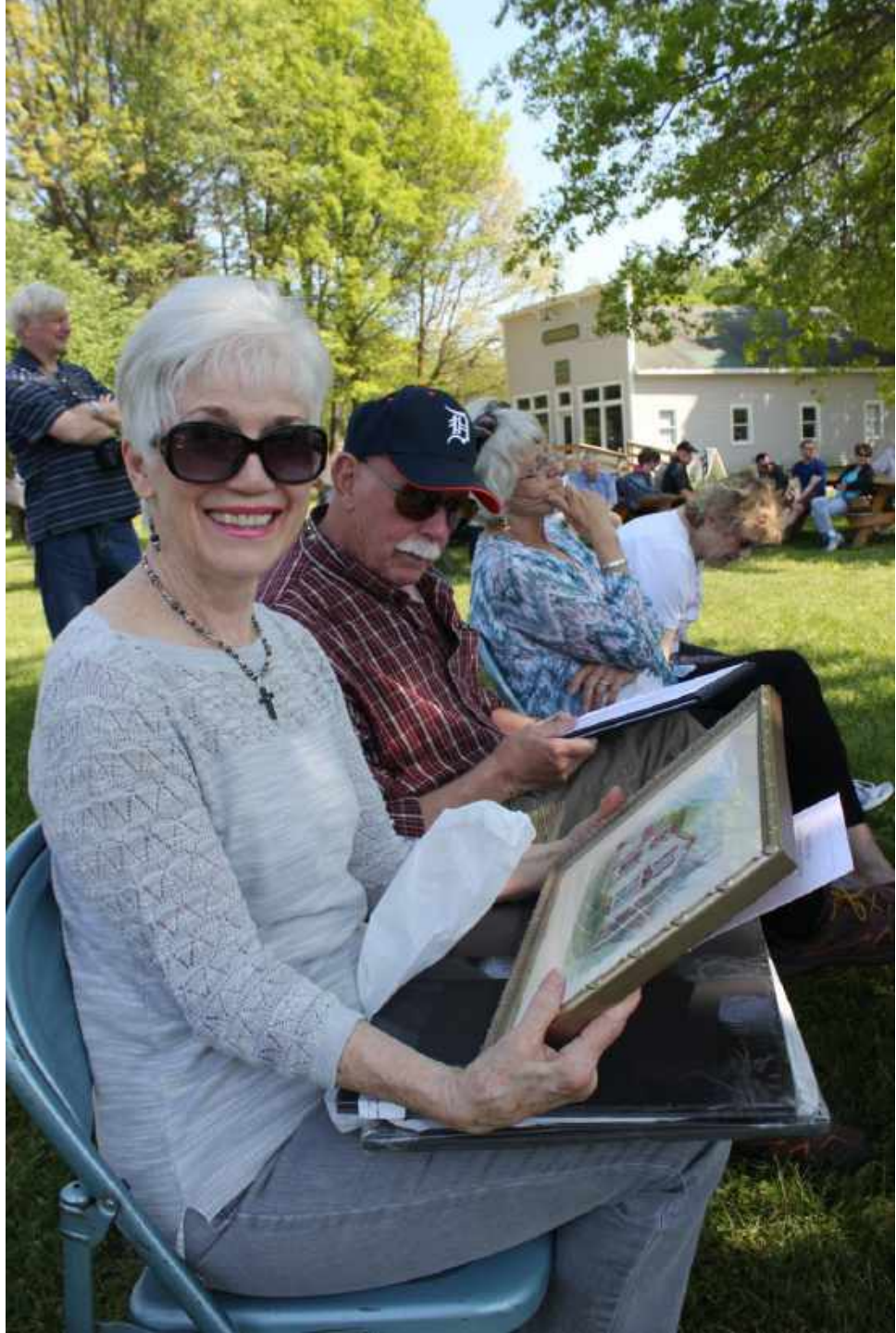


Dedication of the General Store.

- Karen Hammond, Lee and Ken Evensen and Maggie Snyder were chosen to cut the ribbon as part of the dedication and handing over of the buildings to the Village of Vicksburg.



Thanks went out to those who donated to the Historic Village at the dedication.





Revolutionary War Re-enactment



Anniversary highlights.

- The Boy Scouts from Troop 251 camped out on the grounds of the Historic Village as part of their 75th birthday celebration. Thus, the idea of a Revolutionary War re-enactment was born.



A year later, this was the scene on the grounds of the Historic Village. Volunteers from all over the Midwest, were present for the re-enactment.





Where there is smoke that was also fire. Crowds gathered to watch the re-enactment from a safe distance on the grounds of the Historic Village.



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A parade through
downtown
Vicksburg was the
highlight of the
encampment.




Oral Histories up
close and personal

Peg Rawlinson Merrill
and husband Bob were
videotaped
reminiscing about
their family histories in
the community.



Kristina Powers
Aubry did a lot of
video taping of
people's personal
history lessons.



A photograph of an indoor interview. A woman with curly brown hair, wearing a brown sweater and blue jeans, sits on the left in a wooden armchair, facing right. She is holding a white mug. Across from her, an older man with glasses and a green jacket sits in a wooden armchair, facing left. Next to him, an older woman with short grey hair and glasses, wearing a light blue shirt and dark pants, sits in a wooden armchair, facing left. They are all seated around a round wooden table. On the table are papers, a pen, a white mug, and a small bowl of snacks. In the background, there is a lamp with a yellow shade, a statue on a shelf, and a window with curtains. A white circular text box is overlaid on the top left of the image.

Warren
Lawrence and
Bonnie Holmes
are interviewed
as part of their
oral histories.

Mason Bishop was interviewed by Garrard Macleod in the Print Shop because he worked as a printer for 50 years.



Doug Springer was invited to interview his dad Bob Springer who was a mail carrier in Vicksburg for over 50 years.



Bob Cohrs and
Denny Boyle were
interviewed as
part of the oral
history project.
Both passed away
recently.



Marilyn Durham, Vicksburg's Funeral Director for over 60 years shares her memories in the oral history project.





Pavilion

Fundraising for the Pavilion started at Angels Crossing.

- This group organized the first fundraiser to build a pavilion to house Vicksburg's Farmers' Market in 2012. It was a brunch for the community that raised just over \$4,000 to get the ball rolling to construct a pavilion in the Historic Village.



Brunch
ingredients
were sourced
from Farmers'
Market
vendors.



- The David Downs family enjoyed the food that was sourced from the Vicksburg Farmers' Market for the fundraiser. They have been great supporters of the market ever since.

It took a year
of planning
for the
Pavilion to
be built.



- The initial planning group for the Pavilion project. Dave Reno and John Polacek from the Lions Club, Sue Moore from the Farmers' Market met with Mike Frederick of Frederick Construction to draw up the plans. Mike's company donated his time and his construction crews' time to work on the Pavilion as it was going into construction.

After searching Vicksburg for a location it was decided the only one that would fit the need was in the Historic Village.



- The Historical Society under the direction of Margaret Kerchief, Kristina Powers Aubry and Chris Newman, scope out the early platform for the Pavilion.