



160th Anniversary Celebration

After having to cancel our celebration last fall due to inclement weather, we had a good weather day for the 160th celebration. Last fall we were calling it a 150th Anniversary since the RR first came to Waterville in 1868. Coincidentally, the CBRR was incorporated in 1859 so it made sense to call our celebration this spring the 160th anniversary of the CBRR.

Besides the name change, there were a couple of changes in the planned activities. Because POW and orphan trains were a big part of the history of the CBRR, the POW camp and Orphan Train museums in Concordia, KS were invited to participate. Below are links to their web sites.

POW Camp Concordia:

<http://powcampconcordia.org>

National Orphan Train Complex:

<https://orphantraindepot.org>

The POW camp and Orphan Train museum had displays set up in front of the Waterville Depot.



Another change in the plans from last fall was the production of 160 anniversary coins. This is a limited edition minting of the coins with 1 coin made for each year the CBRR has been in existence. The coins are 2.5 inches in diameter and available for a \$20 donation. Included with the coin is a copy of a trip pass issued by Milford Godsey, the last depot agent to serve in Waterville, KS and a brief description of the origin of the CBRR.



If you were not in attendance, you missed out on a fantastic meal provided by the Weaver Hotel. They served a hot roast beef sandwich with potatoes and gravy, coleslaw and a desert. You also would have missed out on Jeff Davidson performing in the Opera House, living history performers, the Flint Hills Dulcimer group, pony rides, horse drawn wagon rides, the CBRR barrel train ride for children, a ride out to "Somewhere" on the CBRR and model RR displays provided by the Frankfort Subdivision Model RR club. The Waterville Depot Museum and 1925 Wooden Caboose Museum were also open for viewing.

Larry Moon had the #6 Locomotive replica ready to run and use on this special occasion. In case you are interested, the #6 Locomotive is powered by a Plymouth 4-cylinder gasoline engine. Remember the Ford Pinto? Our two motorcars are powered by Ford Pinto or similar engines.



The Flint Hill Dulcimer Group performed in the Gazebo and park area north of the Weaver Hotel. There were performance from both the adult and youth groups.



Blue Rapids Circle of Giving Day

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, June 4. This is the day of the first Blue Rapids Community Foundation (BRCF) Match Day. The Marshall County Railroad Historical Society has set up a fund within the BRCF. The Match Day is an opportunity to have your donation matched at 50% with some limitations.

You should be receiving a letter of explanation approximately two weeks before the Circle of Giving Match Day.

The BRCF is one of several communities participating with the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation. Web: mcfks.org

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2019 Ride Donation Schedule

Adults: \$10 Children ages 6-12: \$7 Children 5 & under: Free

- Waterville west to "Somewhere" (45 minutes)
- Blue Rapids east across the Big Blue River (60 minutes)
- Between Blue Rapids & Waterville (60 minutes)
- Waterville east across the Big Blue River (2 hours - \$5 added fee)
- Rental of "Somewhere" for picnics, cookouts or celebrations - \$15 plus ride fare

MCRHS Newsletter Donation Form

Do you like reading about the Marshall County RR Historical Society?

Are you interested in preserving the history of the Central Branch Railroad in Marshall County?

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(Members who donate receive the newsletter printed in color)

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