



## Covid-19

It goes without saying that the outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus has suspended normal operations of the MCRHS and the CBRR. The Whistle Stop History Ride that had been planned for April was never advertised and is now hopefully going to occur next fall.

## A Quilt for Larry Springer

Last fall a group of quilters in Blue Rapids began making quilts for veterans. Kathy Crawford is one of those quilters and she had an extra quilt on hand, which she decided to give to Larry Springer. For those that do not know Larry Springer, he has been one of the work-horses with the Central Branch Railroad. In the past year he has had some health issues that resulted in him moving to Cambridge Place Nursing Home in Marysville.



**LARRY J. SPRINGER**  
U.S. Army Spec.  
4th Class  
1956-1958  
Waterville, KS

Larry Springer was born and raised in the Waterville area. Larry and his twin sister Lola were the youngest of 8 siblings. He served in the U.S. Army as a Specialist 4th Class (1956-1958). Larry had five brothers, Gail, Lyle (Max), Keith, Neil, and Lee that had also served in the Army. He also had an older sister Elaine.



Larry became a master electrician in charge of two power plants in Colorado and returned to Waterville after retiring. He had attended the same country school as Kenny Winkenwader, another of the CBRR workhorses, and became interested in the MCRHS through conversations with Kenny.

The Springer Post No. 332 of the American Legion is named after Corporal Simon "Bob" Springer, 356th Infantry Regiment, 89th Division. Simon was the first Waterville boy to lose his life in WWI. Simon was a great uncle of Larry Springer.

PS - I talked to Larry on the phone today and he sounds great and doing well. Like the rest of us he has a little Covid-19 "cabin fever".

## Maintenance Work Continues

The coronavirus and COVID-19 may have stopped MCRHS from giving excursion rides but some of the normal "spring cleaning" is still taking place. Larry Moon and Gene Harding got the Waterville motorcar serviced (oil change, lube & inspection) and Larry and Dave Crawford got the Blue Rapids motorcar serviced.

Charlie Weickert and Gene Harding have been doing some preparatory work for spraying the ROW. So far it has been much too windy to get any spraying done.

Gene Harding spent a morning cutting down trees and brush on either side of the Vista RD crossing. This improved the visibility in both directions making for a much safer crossing. At times Vista RD can seem to be pretty busy with traffic.

crossings at Vista RD and Fifth RD (quarry crossing) as well as the dirt that washes down and covers one of our field crossings. Dave Crawford assisted with traffic control.



Of course you can't go too far with a motorcar if the crossings are not cleared from the annual packing of gravel over the winter season. Charlie Weickert brought his skid-steer down and removed the excess gravel from the

## New Board Member

We would like to welcome Gary Holbert as a new MCRHS board member. Gary replaces Larry Springer. Other board members are Randy Rundle, President; Charlie Weickert, Vice President; Ann Walter, Secretary; Dave Crawford, Treasurer and at large members Gene Harding and Larry Moon.

## News on Randy Rundle

The president of MCRHS has been dealing with some health issues (not Covid-19) and hopes to be on the mend soon. We wish him well.

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