



25th Year Celebration

The Articles of Incorporation for the Marshall County Railroad Historical Society are dated May 17, 2000. May of last year was the 25th “birthday” of the organization and the board decided earlier this year that we needed to have a formal celebration. On April 8, a celebration dinner was held at the Weaver Hotel in Waterville, with approximately 35 volunteers in attendance. Recognized as charter members were Ann Walter, Charles Weickert, Gene Lott, Kenneth Winkenwader, Ray Peter, and Ed Wieggers. Ray Peter passed away last fall and Kenneth Winkenwader was unable to attend. Accepting the award for Ed Wieggers was his daughter Patty Holle. A token of appreciation was also given to volunteers. Rides began in 2022, making 2026 the 25th year for providing rides on the scenic CBRR.



New Board Member

Tifanie (Dummermuth) Martin has replaced Ann Walter as Secretary for taking the minutes at board meetings. Her husband Blake and their son Brax starting helping with rides last year.

Flood Damage

Over a period of about 48 hours, Blue Rapids and surrounding areas received about 10.6 inches of rainfall. That amounts to more than 25% of our annual precipitation. The railroad did receive some significant damage, effectively closing the rails between the crossing north of Valley Heights Jr-Sr High and the crossing on Western Avenue (street the nursing home is on).

Fawn Creek Bridge - This bridge appears to have been shifted on its abutment and with the bending of the rails is no longer passable. The Fawn Creek bridge is located just east of the crossing north of the high school (6th RD)



Culvert east of Musil Farms - This is a major washout at a location with two 10" whistle tubes. The left photo indicates how many linear feet of rail were affected and the right photo shows the extent of damage. The culvert is in the background of the left photo.

