



### 2025 - A year in Review

MCRHS became a 501(c)(3) organization in May of 2020 so its 25th “birthday” was this past May. This past year was another very successful year for MCRHS and the Central Branch Railroad. In addition to the regular family rides, there were two large group family reunions, a class reunion (VHHS Class of 1975), and the 3rd annual “Ghost Rides” at Halloween time. An especially large event took place in April when approximately 100 Trail Life Scouts participated in the KS-NE-MO Railroad Rendezvous and Revival co-sponsored by the Marysville Union Pacific Depot Preservation Society.

### MCRHS Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting held in November, Matt Henry (Blue Rapids) was elected as a new board member. Gene Harding stepped down as a voting member but will attend board meetings as supervisor of rolling stock. The officers remain the same with Sandy Harding as President, Charles Weickert as Vice-President, and Ann Walter as Secretary. The board passed a resolution to recognize Ann for her years of work on the board. The board also voted to purchase a 10’ x 20’ “utility shed” to be placed in Blue Rapids and used as a small museum. The building was delivered on December 19.



## Washout East of 2nd Terrace RD

A drainage problem years in the making has been repaired. The Second Terrace RD crossing west of Waterville is in a valley. For years water ran down the hill on either side and east down the RR tracks to a creek bed, where over time, it has washed away the culvert. Apparently, because of the tracks being moved, the culvert was partly rock walls and part was a concrete box culvert. The rock portion had caved in, creating the washout. Recently, Carlson Utility LLC removed the tracks, cleaned out the creek bed, installed a drainage pipe and replaced the rails. Carlson Utility LLC, Topeka KS, is an underground utility contractor specializing in water distribution, storm, and sanitary sewer systems. The Carlson family are life members of the MCRHS and the project is being done with volunteer labor and the organization paying for any needed materials.

