



Web Site

centralbranchrailroad.com

Membership

Individual Annual: \$40
 Family Annual: \$55
 Individual Life: \$100
 Family Life: \$150

Schedule a Ride

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Events

- On-Line
[Calendarcentralbranchrailroad.com/Calendar.html](http://calendarcentralbranchrailroad.com/Calendar.html)

Archives:

Past newsletters can be found on the MCRHS web Site
 • centralbranchrailroad.com/Newsletters.html

Summer Reading Story Hour

The Blue Rapids Public Library had a summer reading program with the theme "Building a Better World". The program ran for 5 weeks during the month of June on Friday mornings. The first week they learned about police officers and visited the Blue Rapids Police Department. The second week they learned about fire fighters and visited the Blue Rapids Fire Department. Week three Story Hour was about "Growing Your Garden" and they visited the Blue Rapids Greenhouse. Week four was about construction with the City of Blue Rapids, and Hall Brothers providing a display of heavy equipment. The final week was about transportation and the story hour was conducted on the Central Branch Railroad. Twenty-five children and ten adults signed up to participate with the children listening to a story about trains before the ride. The ride was West from Blue Rapids through the countryside to a "turnaround" point where the kids enjoyed a snack before returning to Blue Rapids. On the return trip they were given a "bingo" style card with items to search for along the way. Crew for the ride was Dave Crawford, Charlie Weickert and Kathy Crawford. Also pictured is a new safety sign being used at important crossings to inform the public that a ride will take place that day. Photo Album: <https://goo.gl/photos/1mBEwC6BpqUL4pNH7>



A Special Social Event

On July 2, MCRHS members Jerry and Jan Pope hosted a social event for some friends from Marysville, KS . Several weeks ago Jerry had asked a group of friends in Maryville if the “Central Branch Railroad” meant anything to them and they didn’t seem to know of its existence. This led Jerry and Jan to plan the social event to share some tourism sites in Blue Rapids. They toured the Blue Rapids Historical Society Museum, enjoyed a meal there and then visited the Holm Log cabin and the Ice Age exhibit on the square. The evening concluded with a ride on the Central Branch Railroad going East from Blue Rapids across the Big Blue River and back. Crew for the ride were Dave and Kathy Crawford. Nancy Nolte, co-curator of the Blue Rapids Historical Society Museum assisted with the tours and rode along on the ride. A big Thank You for Jerry and Jan putting together such an event.



Facebook Update

Short Story - We have started a new “organization” page on Facebook. We were using a “personal profile” page which violated the Facebook policy. The simplest solution was to start from scratch. Unfortunately a Facebook search for either Marshall County Railroad Historical Society or CentralBranchRailroad will result in several pages being found. We don’t know the “owner” of the others and therefore can’t do anything about deleting them. The old MCRHS Facebook currently bears the name David Crawford and will soon be deleted.

The correct and current Facebook page can be located by entering fb.me/centralbranchrailroad in your web browser or Facebook search box. If you are a Facebook user, please follow us and encourage others to do so.

- MCRHS is a 501 (C) (3) Nonprofit Corporation. Donations are appreciated.
- P.O. Box 242, Waterville, KS 66548-0242
- Want to become more involved? Contact any board member to find out how you can volunteer.
- email questions to centralbranchrailroad@gmail.com