



Sesquicentennial Update

Additional plans for the Sunday, October 14 celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Central Branch Railroad are still being made. Jim Dobbins from Goff, KS is going to bring his facsimile of a 1907 Sheffield Pump Car for people to experience. Also recently added to the activities is a mountain man living history performer and pony rides for children.

When they returned to Waterville they toured the Caboose Museum and operated the hand pump car.



Frankfort 2nd Grade



The 2nd grade class from Frankfort visited the Central Branch Railroad for the annual field trip on May 1. Twenty-one students and four adults took a ride on the rails west of Waterville. On the return trip they stopped at "Somewhere" for a snack and to learn some railroad history.

Crew for the ride consisted of Larry Moon, Jim Dobbins, Ed Hoover, Ann Walter and Dave Crawford.



Lighthouse Ride

The Lighthouse is a memory support residence in a rural setting northwest of Marysville, Kansas. The home is specifically designed for individuals living with cognitive impairment. Four of its residents took a ride east from Blue Rapids across the Big Blue River on a beautiful afternoon on May 16. Their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/TheLighthouseks/>) indicates a wide variety of activities for the residents.



As usual, we stopped to throw rocks off the bridge. (Photos courtesy of The Lighthouse)



Crew for the ride were George Lookhart, Dave Crawford, Kathy Crawford, and Kenny Winkenwader.

Upcoming Rides

- Saturday, June 9 - Leaving Waterville at 4pm and going east across the river and back.
- Friday, June 22 - Leaving Blue Rapids at 10am and going east across the river and back.
- Friday, June 29 - Bus tour group - Leaving Waterville at 1pm and going east across the river and back.
- Sunday, July 1 - Leaving Waterville at 5:30 pm and going west . (2 cars)
- Tuesday, July 3 - Leaving Waterville at 9:30 am and going east across the river and back. (2 cars)

We are looking for new volunteers. If your are interested in volunteering email Larry Moon - lm@centralbranchrailroad.com or contact us at centralbranchrailroad@gmail.com.

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2018 Ride Rates

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

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