



Web Site

centralbranchrailroad.com

Membership

Individual Annual: \$40

Family Annual: \$55

Individual Life: \$100

Family Life: \$150

Schedule a Ride

Call Ann at 785-363-2343 (H)

785-799-4294(C)

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Contact Larry Moon

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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

Whistle Stop History Ride

Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 29 for the annual Whistle Stop History ride. The day of railroad and other history will begin at 11:30 am in Waterville at the caboose on Kansas Avenue. Participants will be transported by vans to the east end of the rails at 12th Road where the ride begins. Passengers will ride west across the Big Blue River trestle and stop in Blue Rapids. In Blue Rapids they will tour the Blue Rapids Historical Society Museum and then travel to Alcove Spring for a guided tour and history of the Donner party on the Oregon Trail. After arriving back in Blue Rapids they will board the train and travel by rail to Waterville.

In Waterville participants will visit the historic Waterville Opera House where living history performers will provide additional history of Marshall County. The day will end with a meal catered by Kode and Jennifer Pacha at the Weaver Hotel.

For additional information or reservations call Ann at 785-363-2343 (H) or 785-799-4294.



Weaver Hotel Under New Management

Built in 1905-06, the Weaver Hotel is an important part of the history of Waterville. It was listed on the National Registry of Historic Places in 1975. In 2009 a two million dollar renovation of the hotel was completed. The hotel has 10 guest rooms and 2 party rooms. Effective March 1, 2018, the hotel is being leased by Kode and Jennifer Pacha and will be operated as a Bed and Breakfast. The Pacha's also plan to have a restaurant and catering service.



New Brochure

MCRHS has developed a new trifold brochure. Enclosed or attached to this newsletter is a copy of the brochure. The brochure will be used for advertising purposes at events like the Wamego Tulip Festival coming up on April 21-22 as well as being on display in area community centers, etc. This will also be the brochure that is handed out to ride participants. As a cost cutting measure, we are now printing our own materials. The MCRHS board greatly appreciates those who have supported this effort by donating \$20 to the newsletter fund.

We encourage you to share this brochure with others and invite them to join the MCRHS.

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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MCRHS Newsletter Subscription and Renewal Form

Name: _____ Date: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: (optional): _____ E-mail: _____

In order to improve the communication with members, the Marshall County Railroad Historical Society is producing a monthly newsletter. Approximately 65 newsletters are printed and mailed by USPS with each issue. We also have the expense of printing brochures for advertising and brochures for ride participants.

The MCRHS Board understands that most members paid a life membership but costs to maintain and operate the railroad have and are increasing greatly. For the Central Branch Railroad to remain viable, MCRHS simply cannot absorb the cost of printing brochures and printing and mailing newsletters without additional member support.

Please indicate your preference for the method of delivery of the newsletter and enclose an annual fee of \$20 to support this and other efforts for the continued success of the CBRR. This form and your payment can be sent to the address below.

I prefer to have my newsletter sent by _____ E-mail _____ Parcel Post Mail

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