



Central Branch Railroad

Sesquicentennial

Sunday October 14, 2018

1pm to 5 pm

Waterville, KS

Whistle Stop History Ride

The day did not start out very well with high winds forcing us to decide on loading passengers at Vista Rd instead of 12th Road.

Activities

- Ride the rails west of Waterville to "Somewhere" and roast marshmallows over an open fire
- Living History performances at the Waterville Opera House / Weaver Hotel
- Musical entertainment
- Model train display
- Horse drawn wagon rides
- Lunch available at the Weaver Hotel Restaurant
- Vendors

(Correction: The day was incorrectly stated as Saturday in the April Newsletter.)



At Vista Road guests were greeted and given a short history by Kenny Winkenwadeer. Living history performers Sue Saunders and her daughter Zoe played the parts of an agent for orphan children and an orphan boarding the train.

A Busy Week

April 28 thru May 4 was a busy week with the following rides.

- Saturday, April 28 - Extension group from Nebraska
- Sunday, April 29 - Whistle Stop History Ride
- Tuesday, May 1 - Frankfort 2nd Grade students
- Friday, May 4 - Leadership Marshall County Group



We planned on going east to the Big Blue River and allowing the passengers to see the river view. As we travelled east from Vista Road, the winds died down considerably and we were able to cross the river and then head back to Blue Rapids.



Upon arrival in Blue Rapids, the passengers toured the Blue Rapids Historical Society Museum and visited Alcove Spring. Curators Pat Osborne and Nancy Nolte made the museum tour possible and Laura Musil was the living history performer and host at Alcove Spring.

After leaving Blue Rapids, Ann Walter did a living history performance at Musil Farms and then Linda Swim, Vernita Peeks and Nolan Sump provided living history performances at the Waterville Opera House. Pat Winkenwader has the hostess at the Opera House.

The event concluded with a meal at the Weaver Hotel catered by Kode and Jennifer Pacha. The meal consisted of Wood Fired Pork with Molasses BBQ sauce, Chicken and Dumplings, Chuckwagon Beans, Old Fashioned Slaw and Spring Berry Crisp with Homemade Brown Bread Ice Cream.

Rick Boss, owner of People Movers, provided two vans for ground transportation along with Ann Walter's van. Rick, Barb Dummermuth, and Sandy Harding were the drivers.



Railroad crew helping with the event were Gene Harding, Larry Moon, Larry Springer, Charlie Weickert, and Dave Crawford.

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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