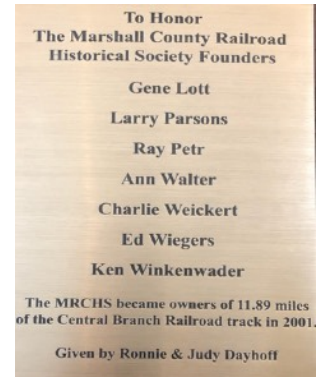




Welcome New Members

New members to MCRHS and the Central Branch RR are Doris Blair Slater, (IA), Matt Flaharty (Mayview, MO), Leroy Flower (Waterville), Damion Gordon (Blue Rapids), Daniel Livers (Waterville), and Scott Slupianek (Marysville). A recent addition to our group of volunteers is Don King (Waterville).

Pictured below are Kevin Yowell and Matt Flaharty. Both are UPRR engineers who have helped out when they have extra layover time in Marysville.



Memorial Bench and Planter

A memorial bench and a wooden train planter have been placed in the CBRR garden area in Waterville. The planter was refurbished by Jim Oatney.



Nickel Day and Blue Rapids 150+1

On Saturday May 29, MCRHS will be providing rides on the CBRR going west from Waterville. On Saturday, July 3, rides will be available going east from Blue Rapids across the Big Blue River.

Commemorative Plaque

Ronnie and Judy Dayhoff (Boulder, CO), lifetime members of MCRHS, recently donate a plaque to honor the founders of MCRHS. The plaque is on permanent display in the archive room of the historic Union Pacific RR depot that is being renovated by the Marysville Union Pacific Depot Preservation Society.



Garden Area (continued)

Ann Walters, Nolan and Monica Sump, Kenny Winkenwader and new member Dan Livers spent several person•hours raking leaves, weeding and generally cleaning up the garden area in Waterville,

Blue Rapids Historical Society and Museum Ride

On May 9, twenty-two members of the Blue Rapids Museum took a pleasure ride going east from Blue Rapids and crossing the Big Blue River. Museum member and photographer Tom Parker took lots of pictures including the group picture below. Crew members for the rider were Dave and Kathy Crawford, Jim Turner, Charlie Weickert and new life member Scott Slupianek.



Valley Heights Pre-School Ride

On May 13, the Valley Heights Pre-School students took a ride on the CBRR going west from Waterville to "Somewhere". At Somewhere they had some juice, played around some and then returned to Waterville where they toured the 1925 Wooden Caboose and had ice cream at the historic Weaver Hotel.

Adult sponsors with the children were Sammi Parker, Donna Fuller, Amanda Parker, Ashley Smith and Drew Broxterman. CBRR crew members were Gene Harding, Ann Walter, Don King, and Charlie Weickert.



Blue Rapids Community Foundation Circle of Giving "Match Day"

As was the case in 2020, the 2021 "Match Day" will be a week long event, starting on Tuesday, June 1. A letter of explanation containing details is included with this newsletter. During the September 2020 event we received a total of \$4400.08 in donations from 18 donors.

We are currently working out details for some major crossing repairs involving the removal of the wooden crossing members and replacing them with an asphalt hard surface crossing. This project involves crossings in both Blue Rapids and Waterville.

The Vista RD crossing east of Blue Rapids is gravel crossing that is difficult to maintain, both for RR use and for the Vista RD traffic. Replacing the gravel crossing with a hard surface crossing is something on our wish list.

New Board Member

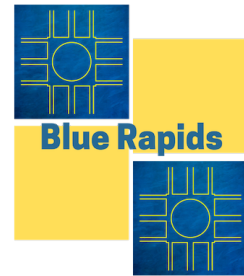
With the passing of our president, Randy Rundle, Kenny Winkenwader has agreed to fill the vacant board member position. Presently our Vice-President, Charlie Weickert has taken on the duties of president. Our normal time for the election of officers is in October when the annual membership meeting takes place.

Center Rail

Did you ever wonder why there is a center rail on the bridge over the Big Blue River? Back in the day when Class I railroads operated on the rails the center rail was to keep locomotives and rolling stock from going over the side of the bridge in the event of a derailment. The bridge is about 540 feet long and it could be as much as 80 feet down to water. Photo credits are Tom Parker and Nathan Obermeyer.



**Marshall County
Railroad Historical Society
Box 242, Waterville, Kansas 66548**



**Circle of Giving Match
Day**

May 17, 2021

MCRHS Members,

With your help, we could secure additional matching funds during the Blue Rapids Circle of Giving Match Event, June 1 - June 8, 2021!

Circle of Giving Match Event holds incredible opportunity for [name of your organization] when the Blue Rapids Community Foundation will provide a prorated match on gifts to our fund by citizens of our community.

Here's how it works:

- **Make a donation.**
- **When:**
By mail, drop off, or online between June 1 - 8, 2021, or at the Live Event on June 8 from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Community Center, 4 Public Square. Lunch will be served at the event on June 8 from 11:30 a.m. until SOLD OUT.
- **How:**
 1. Online gifts can be made with a credit card between June 1 and June 8 by visiting www.bluerapidsmatchday.com.
 2. **Mail one check made payable to BRCF for entire gift**, and postmarked between 6/1 - 6/8. These can be mailed to **312 Alcove Drive, Blue Rapids, KS 66411**, or dropped off to the Community Center. **Please include the donation form to indicate which organizations you want to give to.** The form can be downloaded from BlueRapidsMatchDay.com. Forms are also available for pickup at the Community Center.
- Individual contributions to charitable funds ranging from \$25 to \$1,000 per organization will receive a prorated match. If a donor gives a \$5,000 gift split evenly between five organizations, then based on such contributions, each group would be eligible to receive additional matching funds.
- **When donating by check, one check must be made payable for all donations made by a donor to the BRCF.** A separate form will be used to indicate which organizations will benefit from the donation, and maybe downloaded from the match day website.

Circle of Giving is an opportunity to more quickly grow our funding for charitable and philanthropic causes undertaken by us, so that we can enrich our programs for even greater impact in our community for years to come.

Sincerely,

David Crawford, MCRHS Treasurer

P.S. This is a unique opportunity to multiply the difference we make, and it's truly a missed opportunity if we don't take full advantage. Your gift is vital for helping us maximize this match of funds.

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