



Annual Membership Meeting

The annual membership meeting will be held on Sunday, November 20 at 2pm in the Waterville Community Center. Refreshments will be served.

Circle of Giving Event

The Blue Rapids Community Foundation held its 4th annual "Match Day" event the week of September 12-19. Due to Covid, the event has been a week long since 2020. There are some rules but the basic concept is that when a person donates to a participating organization there is a prorated matching gift. This was a very successful year, both for BRCF and MCRHS. Twenty organizations raised a total of \$76,148.29 and MCRHS had a total of \$4,165 from 23 donors. There was a total of \$16,000 in match money, of which MCRHS received \$1,080.48, making our total revenues \$5,245.48. The BRCF is a participating member of the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation. Thank you to all who donated.

UP Steam #460

The City of Marysville has contacted MCRHS in regards to the possible donation of the UP #460 steam locomotive currently on display near the Marysville city park.



Built by Burnham Williams & Co (Baldwin Locomotive Works) in June of 1901 as #1680, it was renumbered in 1915 as #460. Its wheel configurations is 2-8-0 with a weight of 187,900 lbs. The tender weighs 115,798 lbs with a capacity to hold 6,000 gallons of water and 11 tons of coal. Coal fired locomotives of its class were used in Marshall County with UP mixed freight trains 173 and 174 running between Manhattan and Marysville, daily except Sundays. The UPRR Time Table below is from January of 1950. The locomotive was donated to the City of Marysville in April of 1956.

Manhattan — Marysville					
Mixed Fht. #173	Mls.	Table No. 54	Mixed Fht. #174		
Central Time					
↑ 7.00	0	Lv Manhattan Kan. Ar	↑ 3.15	
7.25	11	" Stockdale..... " Lv	f 2.30	
7.45	17	" Garrison..... " "	2.15	
8.10	22	" Randolph..... " "	1.55	
8.30	29	" Cleburne..... " "	1.35	
9.05	38	" Irving..... " "	1.10	
10.00	43	" Blue Rapids..... " "	12.50	
↑10.30	55	Ar Marysville 53 " Lv	↑12.15	

This potential static display for MCRHS is in the early discussion stages with no commitment made by either the City of Marysville or MCRHS. This topic will be discussed at the annual membership meeting. We are requesting input from the membership on this matter. If you have any input, plan on attending the meeting if possible. Otherwise, please contact a board member or send an email to centralbranchrailroad@gmail.com

Board Members:

- President: Ann Walter (Waterville)
- Vice-President: Charles Weickert (Marysville)
- Secretary/Treasurer: Dave Crawford (Blue Rapids)
- Gene Harding (Waterville)
- Gary Holbert (Concordia)
- Jeffrey Richter (Clay Center)

Spring Event - Rhythm of the Rails

With help from Wayne Kruse and the Marshall County Arts Cooperative, a special event is tentatively planned for Saturday, April 15. The acoustic duo of Chris Biggs and Ken Gustin are putting together a spectacular show. Ken describes the program as a story of the railroad coming to Marshall County, and the life that was affected by, and grew around the railroad. Rather than just be a concert, a narrative will piece together a timeline from the railroad's earliest days to now, centering around the Central Branch Railroad Line and this area. Chris and Ken will provide the music to really tell the story. Ken said he has had an idea for a railroad themed performance with Chris for a few years.

Chris and Ken regularly perform at the Little Grill Restaurant, Bluemont Hotel, and Tall Grass Tap House in Manhattan. They can also be found at the Sandstone Saloon in Brookville, the Classic Bean in Topeka, and the Volland Store near Alma. With the help of the Marshall County Arts Cooperative, this is going to be an event you don't want to miss. Stay tuned for more details. You can check out the music duo of Biggs and Gustin at biggsandgustin.com



Some MoPac History

Pictured below is an areal photo of the Blue Rapids Rail Yard area from 1960. The source of this photo is unknown.



Blue Rapids Garden/Sign Area

On September 13&14, Kevin Yowell, Jim Dobbins, and Dave Crawford, with the use of Gene Harding's skid steer, tore out the old RR ties around the perimeter and replaced them with better ties. It has been years since the area was used as a garden so two switch stands were placed, one on each end of the sign. A crossing sign and a whistle sign were also added along with a couple of small wheels as yard art. A solar powered light was placed to illuminate the sign area.

