

New Members

MCRHS has welcomed three new life members this year. Ken and Laura Quimby are from Maumelle, AR, Cayton Reed is from the rural Blue Rapids, KS area, & Billie Watson is from St. John, WA.

Worthington Reunion



On a hot Sunday afternoon September 3, the Worthington Family reunion rode the CBRR west from Waterville. Earl Underwood arranged for the ride. Earl's ancestors were the first to settle in the Kuhn Creek area west of Waterville. Kuhn was the maiden name of his ancestor. Attendees also toured the MoPac Depot and 1925 wooden caboose and some experienced rolling down the rails on a hand pump car. Photos are courtesy of Tom Parker.

Membership Update

We currently have 127 members. Just under half of the members receive the newsletter by USPS. This costs about \$80 for each newsletter with color on one side and black and white on the other. A little over half of our members receive the newsletter by email. If you are currently receiving the newsletter by USPS and would like to change it being emailed, send an email to

centralbranchrailroad@gmail.com.



ROW Maintenance

MCRHS recently purchased an Echo handle bar brush cutter at a cost of \$630. If you would like to make a contribution to help with this expense, please consider making a donation through the Blue Rapids Community Foundation Match Day event.

BRCF Match Day

Enclosed with this newsletter is a letter outlining the details of the 2023 Blue Rapids Community Foundation Circle of Giving Match Event September 11-18. Please consider giving a donation to this fund raising opportunity. During the event, a \$25 donation results in \$37.50 in revenue for MCRHS, a \$100 donation results in \$150 in revenue, etc. If half of our membership were to donate a minimum of \$25, MCRHS would receive over \$2,000 in revenue.

More Tom Parker Photos



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Annual membership meeting: 2pm on Sunday, November 12 at the Waterville Community Center

Marshall County Railroad Historical Society

September 1, 2023

Dear MCRHS Member,



Circle of Giving Match Day

With your help, we could secure additional matching funds during the Blue Rapids Circle of Giving Match Event, September 11-18, 2023!

The Circle of Giving Match Event holds an incredible opportunity for [name of your organization] where the Blue Rapids Community Foundation will provide a 50% match on gifts to our fund.

Make a donation:

- In Person:
 - When: September 18, 2023
 - Where: Community Center, 4 Public Square
 - Time: 8:00 AM 3:00 PM (Lunch served at 11:30 AM
- Online:
 - Online gifts can be made with a credit card between 12:00 am September 11 11:59 pm September 18 by visiting www.BlueRapidsMatchDay.com.
- Mail In:
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Write only **ONE** check made payable to BRCF for your entire gift. Complete the donation form to indicate amounts you would like to give to participating organizations. Donations can be mailed to the Blue Rapids Community Foundation at 312 Alcove Drive, Blue Rapids, KS 66411 postmarked on or before September 18, 2023. The form can be downloaded on BlueRapidsMatchDay.com.

The Patterson Family Foundation will award up to \$70,000 to BRCF for dollar per dollar raised during match days, with up to \$35,000 saved for upcoming community enrichment project opportunities and up to \$35,000 for participating organizations. Gifts between \$25 & \$3,500 will receive a 50% match up to \$1,750 per organization.

Circle of Giving Match Day is an opportunity to grow our funding more quickly 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,

MCRHS Board

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.

