



New Member

Steve O'Neal, Marysville, KS, is our newest member. Steve is a retired manager with the UPRR. On July 25, he tagged along on a Kevin Yowell family ride. Kevin is a UPRR engineer that had worked under Steve. A "sun kink" or thermal expansion of a rail had just been discovered that afternoon. Short story is Steve volunteered to bring his Kobuta tractor with back hoe down on Monday the 27th, and Steve, Kevin, Gene Harding, Dave Crawford and Charlie Weickert put in 5 ties to fix the problem. By that morning the rail had cooled enough the kink wasn't as visible and we were able to get the rail back into gauge. This was a few hundred yards from a field crossing so Gene brought his side by side ATV to facilitate hauling tools and people to and from the work site. The low temperature on Sunday night was 77° F and the high that day was 99° F, so we were very aware of keeping ourselves hydrated. We finished in time for a late lunch at Milly's in Blue Rapids.



Ways to donate to MCRHS

As previously noted in a newsletter, with at least 10.5" of rain in about 48 hours in April, the CBRR experienced some serious flood damage at two locations between Blue Rapids and Waterville. The cost of repairs is still an unknown. A Go Fund Me web site has been created to raise money in support of repairing the damage. The URL is <https://gofund.me/7e2395eb4>. Donations can also be made during the annual Blue Rapids Community Foundation Match event September 12-14, or directly mailed to MCRHS, P.O. Box 242, Waterville, KS 66548. Information on the upcoming Blue Rapids Community Foundation event is included with this newsletter.

Marshall County RR Historical Society



Blue Rapids
Circle of Giving
Match Day

September, 2026

Dear MCRHS member,

With your help, our organization has been given the opportunity to secure matching funds on **Circle of Giving Match Day**, September 12-14, 2026!

Circle of Giving Match Day is an incredible opportunity for MCRHS and the CBRR. The Blue Rapids Foundation is sponsoring match days that will provide donations of \$25 to \$5,000 made to our fund with a 50% match. The maximum amount of match money an organization can receive is \$2,500.

The MCRHS profile for the Blue Rapids Foundation can be read at the URL <https://www.bluerapidsmatchday.com/nonprofits/Marshall-County-Railroad-Historical-Society>. You can also simply go to the www.bluerapidsmatchday.com web site and scroll down to the list of participating organizations.

Here's how the Circle of Giving Match works:

In Person Match Days:

- **When:** Monday, September 14
- **Where:** Blue Rapids Community Center
- **Time:** 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Online:

- Online gifts can be made with a credit card from midnight on September 12 to 11:59 PM on September 14 by visiting BlueRapidsMatchDay.com.

Mail In:

- Write only **ONE** check made payable to Blue Rapids Community Foundation 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 BRCF at PO Box 63, Blue Rapids, KS 66441 received by September 14, 2026. The form can be downloaded from BlueRapidsMatchDay.com.

Circle of Giving Match Day is an opportunity for us to immediately enrich our program impact.

Sincerely,

Marshall County RR Historical Society Board

P.S. This is a chance to multiply the difference we make. Please help us take full advantage of this unique opportunity. Your gift is vital for helping us maximize the match.



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2026 Blue Rapids Community Foundation Match Day Donation Form

For office use only:
Check # _____
Credit Card ☐ Cash ☐
Initials _____

DONOR NAME(S) _____

Check here to remain anonymous, no information will be shared with participating funds: ☐

STREET ADDRESS _____ CITY/ST/ZIP _____

PHONE _____ *EMAIL _____

*Indicate email address above to receive an electronic gift acknowledgement for tax purposes. We do not share email addresses.

Write donation amount on the line next to each fund.

For gifts between \$25 and \$5,000, BRCF will provide a \$0.50 match for every \$1 donated, up to a maximum match of \$2,500 per fund. All eligible gifts will be matched at 50% until the match is depleted.

_____ Alcove Spring	_____ Marshall County Fair Association
_____ American Legion Goerge Bedford Post 169	_____ Marshall County Railroad Historical Society
_____ Blue Rapids Chamber of Commerce	_____ Mustang Facility Enhancement
_____ Blue Rapids Community Action Team	_____ New Hope Evangelical Presbyterian Church
_____ Blue Rapids Community Foundation	_____ Building
_____ Blue Rapids Community Watch	_____ Pawnee Mental Health Services
_____ Blue Rapids Historical Society & Museum	_____ Prospect Hill Cemetery Association
_____ Blue Rapids Methodist Church Foundation	_____ RSVP of Northeast Kansas Inc Blue Rapids
_____ Blue Rapids Playground Foundation	_____ Schools That Care-Valley Heights USD 498
_____ Blue Rapids Public Library	_____ St. Mark's Episcopal Church Fund
_____ Blue Rapids Rec Board	_____ St. Monica-St. Elizabeth Catholic Church
_____ Blue Rapids Swimming Pool	_____ Twin Valley-Activity Fund of BR
_____ Blue Rapids Tree Board	_____ United Presbyterian Church USA of BR
_____ Fairmount Cemetery	_____ USD 498 Foundation
_____ Greenwood Cemetery	_____ Valley Heights Booster Club

If paying by check, please write **ONE CHECK** made out to **Blue Rapids Community Foundation (BRCF)** for the TOTAL amount of your donation.

TOTAL DONATION: \$ _____

- If paying online visit BlueRapidsMatchDay.com to complete your transaction.
- If paying by check, please include a completed donation form with your check when you mail to the BRCF at PO Box 63, Blue Rapids, KS 66441. Checks must be received by Sept. 14, 2026.



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