



### New Member

Ryan Hempfling (Marysville) recently joined the MCRHS. Ryan is a section foreman with the BSNF railroad and has already helped with some track maintenance on the Central Branch RR. He also informed us of a bit of Missouri Pacific RR trivia. In the photo to the right, the spikes on the inside of the rail (right) indicate the direction to Denver and the spikes on the outside of the rail (left) indicate the direction to Chicago.



### Blue Rapids Community Foundation

The 6th annual Blue Raids Circle of Giving “Match Day” (weekend) will be September 14 -16. Online donations can be made from midnight on Friday, September 14 thru 11:59 pm on Monday September 16. The in-person event is Monday, September 16 at the community center in Blue Rapids. MCRHS is one of 24 organizations that participate. You can view the MCRHC profile page by going to the BRCF Match Day web page at <https://www.bluerapidsmatchday.com/> and scrolling down to select Marshall County RR Historical Society. Included with this newsletter is a BRCF Donor form.



### Discovery Center Ride

On Wednesday, August 8, a group of seven students and three adults from the Flint Hills Discovery Center in Manhattan visited several places in Marysville, Blue Rapids, and Waterville. In Blue Raids, they took a ride on the Central Branch RR. Wayne Kruse (Marysville) made the arrangements.

## Blue Rapids “Round Town Square Festival”

On Saturday, August 24, Blue Rapids had a celebration of their “round” square. The square in Blue Rapids is one of the largest “roundabouts” in Kansas. In conjunction with this event, the Kansas Sampler Foundation held their first Big Kansas Road Trip (BKRT) Pop Up event. MCRHS provided rides from Blue Rapids east to the Big Blue River. There were a total of 147 passengers in 6 trips. Helping with the event were Sandy & Gene Harding, Ann Walter, Pat Winkenwader, Ellie Parker, David Wessel, Charles Weickert, Don King, Greg Tyner, Merrill Wolfe, and Dave & Kathy Crawford.



You can check out the BKRT concept at <https://www.bigkansasroadtrip.com/>.

## Frankfort Subdivision Model Train Club

The Frankfort Subdivision Model Train Club participated in the Blue Rapids “Round Town Square Festival/BKRT Pop Up event with two small displays in the Blue Rapids Historical Society Museum. The museum currently has “A Train Runs Through It” exhibit that will run through the end of this year. Other displays of the model railroad club this year were/will be at the Lincoln NE train show, Wamego Tulip Festival, Herrington train show, Historic Marysville Union Pacific Depot (Big Blue River Festival), Frankfort Summer Festival, Topeka train show, Olsburg Festival, Manhattan Public Library, and Beatrice NE train show. Display sizes can range from 8’ x 14’ to 32’ x 38’.

The Frankfort Subdivision has a permanent HO scale layout at their clubhouse located at 416 W 1st in Frankfort. The club meets every other Saturday. The next club meeting will be on Saturday, September 7 from 10am to 2pm. Visitors are welcome. The club does not have a web site but does have a Facebook Page. Wanklyn Oil Company of Frankfort is a corporate sponsor. Pictured are the two museum displays.

