

Upcoming Events:

Dorrance Decoration Day May 25, 2024

Experience a taste of the Old West on Saturday, May 25 at the Annual Dorrance Decoration Day in Dorrance from 10 am to 2 pm. Several highlights will be featured including food, raffles every hour, train rides, games, live music and a series of staged bank robberies hosted at historic Dorrance State Bank and produced by the Hays Community Theater.

Stone Gallery Tour June 7, 2024 - 7:00 pm

107 1/2 West 6th Street, Hays, KS
Our own Jean Stramel will lead a tour of the Pete Felten Gallery. Refreshments will be served. No charge, but donations are welcome.

Celebrate Limestone Heritage June 16, 2024

2:00 pm - Bison City Park

Celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Rush County in Bison, Kansas. Neil Unrein will be demonstrating methods of stone carving and dressing. Other events will include open houses at the Bison Community Museum, and the 1878 Lone Star School, listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

"150-Year Rush" Information:
<https://rushcounty.org/celebrate150>

Next Meeting:

Meetings of the Kansas Post Rock Limestone Coalition are held every two months in locations across the Post Rock region and everyone is welcome. Our next meeting will be May 29, 2024 starting at 10:00 am at the Community Center in Lucas. Please RSVP to kansaspostrock@gmail.com by May 25. Check our [Facebook page](#) and [website](#) for details.



Nominations are Open for the 2024 Post Rock Preservation Award



Pictured KPRLC Treasurer Jean Stramel, 2023 Preservation Award winners Kathie and Jack Crispin of Lincoln, and KPRLC Chairman Brad Penka.

The Kansas Post Rock Limestone Coalition presents the Post Rock Limestone Preservation Award to recognize outstanding achievement in preservation or restoration of a Post Rock structure in the 18 county Post Rock Limestone region of central Kansas.

Winners are selected based upon:

- Quality of execution and materials
- Historic significance of the project
- Contribution to the public's understanding and awareness of Post Rock Limestone historic culture and architecture in Kansas
- Impact on a community or region's character, public realm, and revitalization

You are invited to nominate a building or structure that you feel is worthy of recognition, self-nominations are welcome. Structures must be located in the 18-county Post Rock Region of Kansas.

Nomination forms are available at:

www.kansaspostrocklimestone.org

Printed forms are also available by calling 785-260-7930 or by mail at: Post Rock Preservation Award, P. O. Box 44, Lucas, KS 67648.

Sites We've Seen...



The Wilson State Bank Building was constructed in 1886 in Wilson, Kansas. The building once housed the bank and telephone company, doctors' offices on the second level, and a barber shop and shoe repair shop in the basement.



The Haun Museum, located in Jetmore, was founded in 1965. It is located in the first stone house built in Jetmore in the 1800s and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The museum is part of a block of buildings constructed of native limestone.



Bison's Lone Star School was constructed in 1878 and used as a church and school until 1890. The building was sold to school district 34 (later 64) and used until 1947. The interior features several original furnishings and the original gas light fixtures. The building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Kansas Post Rock Limestone Coalition Newsletter is distributed about four times per year for members and friends of the Coalition. Bradley Penka, editor.

There's Still Time to Catch the Bus



There is still room to join our 2024 Motorcoach Tour, *Bells & Whistles - Industrial & Art Age* on Saturday, June 8, 2024. The group will visit the historic St. Fidelis Basilica and the Native American Massacre Site in Victoria, George Grant Villa and the Fort Fletcher Stone Arch Bridge near

Hays, and sites in the towns of Walker and Dorrance. The tour will then travel to historic sites in Wilson followed by an authentic German lunch. After lunch, we will travel the beautiful Post Rock Scenic Byway to Lucas and tour the Garden of Eden, Grassroots Art Center, Bowl Plaza and other sites in Lucas, Luray, and Bunker Hill.

Tickets are \$75 and a limited number are available. Meal and all admission fees are included in your registration. To register, or for more information, visit: kansaspostrocklimestone.org/events

Czech Us Out in Wilson

Visit our booth on Saturday, July 27 at the Wilson After Harvest Czech Festival, July 26-27, in Wilson, Kansas. The Czech Festival mission is to "honor the Czech heritage, encourage community and family by providing programs and activities that are appealing and appropriate for all ages and to attract tourist to our small rural community therefore financially benefiting not only local businesses but surrounding community businesses as well." For more information, visit their website at: wilsonczechfest.com.

KPRLC Membership

Don't forget to renew your membership in the Kansas Post Rock Limestone Coalition. Your support helps us continue our mission of "promoting, preserving, and protecting the history, art, and architecture of the Kansas Post Rock Limestone region through education and tourism."

By being a member, you will help us to fulfill our mission, plus you and/or your business will have the opportunity to be featured in promotional materials and special events.

To join or renew, visit our website www.kansaspostrocklimestone.org/ and select membership. To pay by check, download and print an application, then mail to: Kansas Post Rock Limestone Coalition, PO Box 44, Lucas, KS 67648.

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