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Quarry to Glory



Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Quarry to Glory bus tour originally scheduled for October 29, 2022 has been postponed to June 10, 2023. The tour will include a visit to six historic area churches, an authentic German meal, quarry demonstration, and more. Mark your calendars, additional details will be announced in the spring.

Gorham Community Event

With the postponement of the bus tour, the community of Gorham in western Russell County will be hosting a German Buffet Luncheon starting at 11:00 am on Saturday, October 29 at the Gorham Senior Center - 99 Clifford St., Gorham. Cost of the buffet will be \$15.00 per person.

The event will also include vendors and displays including a special Post Rock exhibit, rock quarrying demonstration and more.

KPRLC Membership

Now is the time to consider becoming a new member or renewing 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."

To join or renew, visit our website www.kansaspostrocklimestone.org/ and select membership.



KPRLC Region National Register Listings Approved

In summer 2021, the Kansas State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) utilized a portion of federal funding to survey a sampling of historical resources relevant to the history of the Post Rock Limestone Region in cooperation with the Kansas Post Rock Limestone Coalition (KPRLC). Four representative counties were chosen; Lincoln, Mitchell, Rush, and Russell counties in central Kansas. According to the SHPO, "This survey work will culminate in a context document that will help individual property owners who wish to nominate their properties to the National Register of Historic Places by making it easier to connect their property to the wider history of Post Rock construction in Kansas."

The SHPO hired preservation consultants from Urbana Preservation & Planning, LLC to do the field survey and analysis and compile the context document. In July and August of 2021, team members visited a number of sites in the four counties to consult with area representatives and document information about up to 50 historic properties. In turn, this document was submitted to the National Park Service as a thematic listing application for the National Register of Historic Places.

On October 17, 2022, the National Park Service approved the application for *Post Rock Limestone Properties in Kansas, 1870 - 1948 MPS, (MC100008288)*. Included with this approval, three other properties in the KPRLC regions were also approved for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. In Lincoln County, the Behrhorst Brothers Hardware building in Silvan Grove (MP100008289) was approved for listing on the Register. In Russell County, the Lucas School Gymnasium in Lucas (MP100008290) and the Nicholas Gernon House in Russell (MP100008291) also received status of being listed on the National Register.

Among the other properties surveyed in these four counties, 32 were deemed eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation. Authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America's historic and archeological resources.

Having a property listed in the National Register is the first step towards eligibility for National Park Service-administered federal preservation tax credits that have leveraged more than \$45 billion in private investment and National Park Service grant programs including Save America's Treasures and Preserve America.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Kansas Post Rock Limestone Coalition is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16 at the Finch Theatre in Lincoln, Kansas. The meeting will begin at 10:00 am and everyone is welcome. Lunch will be available with cost to be determined.

Your RSVP is requested before November 14 to: kansaspostrock@gmail.com