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Prairie Harvest Festival Activities and Barn Dance at the Preserve

On Saturday, October 17th 2009, enjoy an old-fashioned prairie harvest festival as living history characters prepare for winter. Activities include cider making, wagon rides, live historic music, wool spinning, and blacksmithing from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Historic Dutch oven and ranch stove cooking will be demonstrated from 10 a.m. to noon. Ranch hands will pause for one hour at noon to enjoy a typical lunch prepared by the women of the ranch. Kids can have fun carving pumpkins from 10 a.m. to noon, with pumpkins being provided. In the afternoon from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. enjoy a barn dance in the historic limestone barn with live music by the Tallgrass Express String Band. Refreshments served.

Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve is located two miles north of Strong City on Kansas State Highway 177 (the Flint Hills National Scenic Byway). For more information or to make group reservations, visit the preserve's website at www.nps.gov/tapr, email tapr_interpretation@nps.gov, or call the preserve at (620) 273- 8494. Superintendent Wendy Lauritzen can be reached at the Cottonwood Falls office headquarters at 620- 273- 6034.

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