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## Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve News Release

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### Experience the Hard Work and Fun of the Good Ole Days This Labor Day Weekend



On Saturday, August 31st from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., living history interpreters at Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve will demonstrate the fine art of wool spinning and play period music in the limestone barn. Experience 1880s transportation with a historic wagon ride and learn about the daily use of this conveyance on the Spring Hill Farm and Stock Ranch. Children will demonstrate the hard work and chore of grinding corn for animal feed throughout the day. Visitors are welcome to participate. Nineteenth century techniques of ranch stove cooking will be demonstrated from 10 a.m. to noon with a special interpretive cooking program presented at 10:30 a.m. at the cooking area near the barn. At 2:30 p.m. a special program, *Spinning Wool on the Prairie*, will be presented in the historic barn with examples of natural dyed fibers on display.

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The Lower Fox Creek School, an 1882 one-room schoolhouse, is staffed by volunteers and is open to the public from 12 noon until 4 p.m. on weekends in September and October. The school will be open all three days of the Labor Day holiday. On display are McGuffey Readers, slates, desks, maps, and other exhibits. The Lower Fox Creek School educated local Chase County children from 1882 – 1930. Visit with volunteers about the importance of a prairie education and the rudimentary 3 R's of reading, writing, and arithmetic.

On Saturday, Sunday, and Labor Day Monday, view local quilts at the Prairie Quilt Display held in the visitor center from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Eastern National bookstore offers a variety of items for sale, including a new quilting book, *Quilts of the Oregon Trail*, copies of McGuffey readers, harmonicas, and other reminders of your experience while visiting.

Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve is located two miles north of Strong City on Kansas State Highway 177 (the Flint Hills National Scenic Byway) and is a partnership between The Nature Conservancy and the National Park Service. For more information, visit the preserve's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/NPS.TallgrassPrairie> , website at [www.nps.gov/tapr](http://www.nps.gov/tapr), email [tapr\\_interpretation@nps.gov](mailto:tapr_interpretation@nps.gov), or call the preserve at (620) 273-8494.

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