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## Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve News Release

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### Cowboy Independence Day at the Preserve



On Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup> historic ranch characters go about their daily activities, but stop at 1 p.m. to read the Declaration of Independence, a practice that was common in the 19<sup>th</sup> century to celebrate Independence Day. In the morning watch historic characters spin wool, cook on the ranch stove, garden, and play historic music. Bring a picnic lunch and make a day of it with the family.

In the afternoon the fun continues from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. with historic games including potato sack race, foot races, hoop and stick, tug-of-war, egg and spoon race, and a good old-fashioned egg-toss contest. Cold water and lemonade will be provided throughout the games.

In celebration of the National Park Service 2016 Centennial, Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve invites you to discover the meaning of national parks, how your park inspires you - both in personal connections and memorable experiences. Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve is located two miles north of Strong City

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on Kansas State Highway 177 (the Flint Hills National Scenic Byway) and is a unique public/private partnership between the National Park Service and The Nature Conservancy. 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. To learn more about The Nature Conservancy in Kansas, visit the Conservancy's website at [www.nature.org/Kansas](http://www.nature.org/Kansas) or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TNCKansas> .

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