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Good Old-Fashioned Christmas in the Barn



On November 29th from noon to 4 p.m. in conjunction with Chase County Country Christmas, experience the Spring Hill Ranch at the height of the holiday season with a good old-fashioned Christmas party in the barn. Come listen to the tall tales of Santa's cowboy helper as he recounts stumbling across Santa Claus as he was fixing fence on the prairie. Storytelling will be at 12:15 pm, 1:15 pm, 2:15 pm, and 3:15 pm with candy handed out to the children.

Throughout the afternoon, enjoy a wagon ride and sing along to Christmas carols played to live music. Historic characters will make the afternoon fun with roping demonstrations and games. Kid's fun continues with making paper chains and snowflakes as they help decorate the big tree in the barn. Kids can also make snowflakes to take home. Enjoy popcorn and hot cocoa as you join in the festivities. All preserve activities are free and open to the public.

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The Visitor Center, Spring Hill Ranch buildings, and Lower Fox Creek School will be decorated for the holidays from November 29th through December 31st. At the one-room school, local Chase County Elementary students created artwork of snowflakes, paper chains, stars, pictures, and letters to Santa using historically appropriate materials. The student's handiwork will be hanging from the Christmas tree and all around the school room representing an 1880s classroom.

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 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, email 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 or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TNCKansas>.

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