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Special Programs on the American Indian, Bison, and Flint Knapping

On Saturday, September 25, 2010, Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve will present special activities surrounding three important components of the unique history of the Flint Hills area.

At 10:30 a.m., Jerry Shaw, instructor in the Department of Ethnic Studies at Wichita State University, will present an in- depth program on the history of the Osage Nation using authentic clothing of beaded leggings, vests, blankets, and shawls dating from 1870 to 1913. At 12:30 p.m., a talk on the American bison will be presented, with a full bison robe and skull on display. Witness flint- knapping demonstrations presented by Dan Rowlinson throughout the day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. These programs will be located in and around the historic limestone barn at the preserve.

In addition to the special programs and demonstrations, the preserve will present 90 minute bus tours at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. During the prairie bus tour, park rangers will discuss the prairie's intricate system of plants and animals, the geology that formed the Flint Hills, American Indians, and the legacy of ranching. The prairie tour is available daily through October 31, 2010, at 11 a.m. with more available as staffing allows. Advance reservations are recommended, but arrangements can be made on the day of the visit if space is available. There is no charge for any programs at the preserve.

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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