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**Symphony in the Flint Hills Announces Major Presenting Sponsor
and Location of 2012 Event**

Strong City, Kan. – Symphony in the Flint Hills is partnering with Capitol Federal as the major presenting sponsor for the 2012 annual event on June 9. The outdoor celebration will be in Lyon County.

“Capitol Federal is proud to serve as the Major Presenting Sponsor of the 2012 Symphony in the Flint Hills,” remarked Capitol Federal Executive Vice President Kent Townsend. “The great success of the Capitol Federal-sponsored 2011 event and the excellent response we received from those who attended led to our decision to support the Symphony in the Flint Hills in 2012. We are looking forward to the Kansas City Symphony performing this year in Lyon County, and invite everyone to join us as we promote the heritage of the Flint Hills.”

Through a \$50,000 gift from the Capitol Federal Foundation, Capitol Federal will serve as the event’s major presenting sponsor for the second year and has committed to serve a third year as major presenting sponsor in 2013.

“We are thrilled that Capitol Federal is the major presenting sponsor for the seventh annual event and that the Governor of Kansas will serve as the event’s honorary chair,” said Emily Hunter, executive director of Symphony in the Flint Hills. “Texas rancher Johnny Arnold has agreed to host the 2012 event on his beautiful pasture in northwest Lyon County.”

Leets Pasture is located west of Bushong, Kansas, about two miles south of Highway 56 between Council Grove and the Admire exit along the Turnpike. This is the first time the private ranchland has been open to the public.

For more information visit www.symphonymintheflindhills.org.

About the Symphony in the Flint Hills

The Symphony in the Flint Hills is an annual outdoor concert series that debuted in June 2006 and has sold out every year since. The symphony moves each year to a different site in the Flint Hills, providing an opportunity for the public to visit private ranchland. The event is organized by Symphony in the Flint Hills Inc., a grassroots non-profit organization with a mission to heighten appreciation and knowledge of the Tallgrass prairie by providing opportunities to experience symphonic music and place-based education in the Kansas Flint Hills. To learn more, visit www.symphonymintheflindhills.org, “like” us at Symphony in the Flint Hills on Facebook, and follow us @SITFHs on Twitter.

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