

DO YOU HAVE A STORY TO TELL?

TALL TALES STORYTELLING CONTEST



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026

7:00 pm

Zion Lutheran Church 1019 Blunt St.; Downs, KS

Sponsored by the KANSAS STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

ATTENTION AMATEUR STORYTELLERS!

The Kansas Storytelling Festival is inviting YOU to Enter a Tall Tale contest in Downs on October 17, 2026. This is the 3rd and final qualifier for the 2027 KS Tall Tales contest to be held at the Festival on April 23, 2027.

A tall tale is usually humorous and good natured with a fact so exaggerated it consumes the story. A tall tale is a unique form of American Story Telling in which the narrator usually has a part in the story. A tall tale has just enough truth to make a good story and to incite the imagination to improve on actual happenings. Must pre-register. For more information, rules and scoring, go to [Tall Tales](#) | [Mysite](#)

TWO WINNERS OF THIS TALL TALES CONTEST qualify to compete at the Kansas Tall Tales Finals at the Kansas Storytelling Festival in Downs, KS. on April 23-24, 2027. There will be 4 finalists competing at the Festival. One has been selected previously in Tonganoxie and another in Wichita. The Downs Qualifier is your final opportunity.

JOIN US IN DOWNS, KANSAS FOR AN EVENING OF

STORIES, TALL TALES AND FUN

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Interested individuals

For more information or to register for this event, please contact Jeri at (785) 454-1177, email kansasstorytelling@gmail.com or go to the Kansas Storytelling Festival website <https://www.kansasstorytellingfestival.com/> or the Kansas Storytelling FaceBook page <https://www.facebook.com/KansasStorytellingFestival>. Stories must be between 5 and 7 minutes long. Family friendly stories only.

Following the Tall Tales contest, Kansas Master Storytellers will perform.

Want to vie for a spot in the finals of the Kansas Storytelling Festival Tall Tales Contest in April, 2027?

This is your opportunity!