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REASONS WE ♥ KANSAS

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While there are plenty of reasons to love Kansas, in honor of the 65th anniversary of *KANSAS!* magazine, we found these 65 especially pleasing. Share your reasons to love Kansas (see page 10).

PHOTOGRAPHS: (CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT)
BRENDA MUNINGER FOR TALLGRASS EXPRESS STRING BAND.



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LOCAL SOUNDS

OUR STATE HAS A CERTAIN HUM TO IT, and you'll know that sound when you find yourself in the heart of Kansas.

Area musicians, local bands, even Symphony in the Flint Hills are examples of the amazing melodies we produce right here in Kansas. Undertones of bluegrass and folk featuring banjos, bass, washboards, harps and so on seem to dominate music produced in Kansas. Bands such as the Tallgrass Express String Band are a perfect example of down-home sounds with familiar lyrics. Annie Wilson composes most songs, such as "Kaw Trail" or "Working Flint Hills Cowboy." TALLGRASSEXPRESS.COM

Another popular group is Truckstop Honeymoon. The husband-wife duo have made an art of living on the prairie and singing about family (diaper bags tend to be a regular occurrence at their shows). Their repertoire includes "Homemade Haircut," "Mardi Gras in Kansas" and "Rockabilly Debutante." MIKEWEST.NET/TRUCKSTOP_HONEYMOON