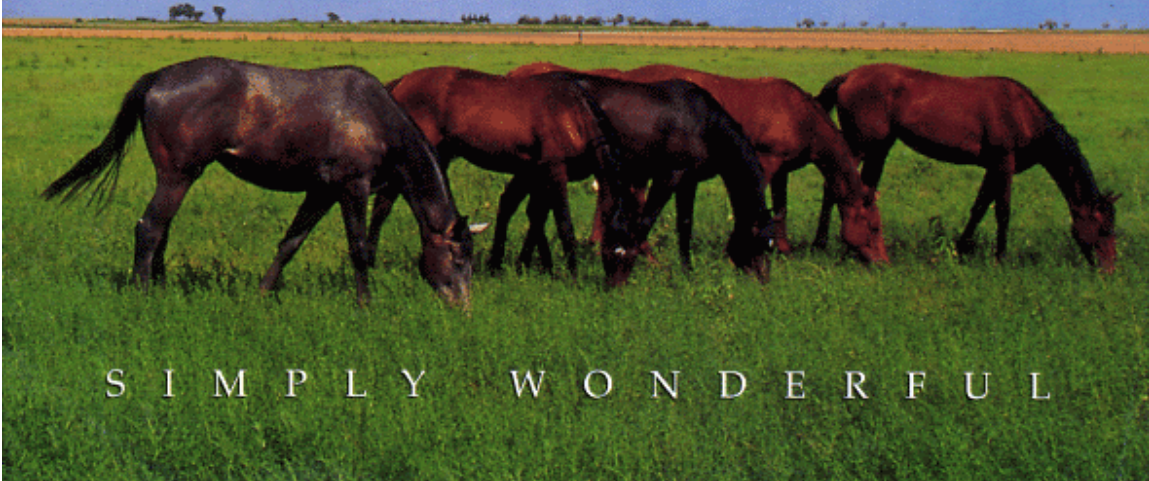


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THEATRE IN THE PARK ANNOUNCES SUMMER PLAYS

The Johnson County Park and Recreation District's highly acclaimed Theatre in the Park program recently announced its summer 2000 schedule of musicals. The upbeat, multi-cast productions will include "Oklahoma!" June 9-11 and 15-18; "1776," June 23-25 and 29-30 and July 1; "Grease," July 7-9 and 13-16; and "Peter Pan," July 21-23 and 27-30. The productions will be presented in the 30-year-old theater program's outdoor facility in Shawnee Mission Park in Shawnee. For more information, contact Theatre in the Park, Tomahawk Recreation Complex, 17501 Midland Drive, Shawnee, KS, 66217, (913) 631-7050. Web site: theatreinthepark.com.

BOTANICA SCHEDULES SUMMER EVENTS

Concerts and off-hours photography sessions are among the summer events scheduled at Botanica, The Wichita Gardens. Botanica's Concerts in the Garden series will feature Wichita blues



artist Rudy Love and the Love family on June 22; Guitarist and ex-Dixie Chick Robin Macy's new group Big Twang on July 20; and Latin jazz with Angela Hagenbach and Musa Nova on August 17. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. *Photographing the Gardens*—special off-

hours photography sessions led by a professional photographer—are scheduled for 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on June 19 and 7 to 9 a.m. on August 19. Botanica's annual daylily show is July 9 from 1 to 5 p.m. The garden's annual daylily sale is August 26, also from 1 to 5 p.m. Educational workshops for both children and adults are offered throughout the summer. For more information, contact Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, 701 Amidon, Wichita, KS, 67203, (316) 264-0448.

ARKANSAS CITY TRIO RELEASES NEW CD

The Renters, an Arkansas City-based acoustic trio, recently released its latest compact disc recording, "The Best Things in Life Are for Rent." Members of the group include Gary Gackstatter, guitar; Tim Durham, mandolin; and Julie Rosseter, viola. Previous recordings by the trio include "Renters from #5!!" and "Under This Kansas



Sky." Gackstatter and Durham, both long-time winners of the Walnut Valley Festival's songwriters' competition, wrote most of the songs featured on the CD. For more information about "The Best Things in Life Are for Rent" or The Renters' performance schedule, contact Gary Gackstatter, 321 N. 3rd, Arkansas City, KS, 67005.

DISCOVER BRAINERD ON THE WEB

"Brainerd, Kansas: Time, Place and Memory on the Prairie Plains" is a new Web site created by University of Kansas (KU) American Studies graduate student Kevin Roe. Roe constructed the Web site—located at www.rootinaround.com/brainerd—as a class project for a joint American Studies/Architecture class last year. Using oral history interviews, family and community photographs, and numerous primary and secondary sources, Roe's Web site describes the development and survival of the tiny southeastern Kansas community and includes several interactive features. For more information, contact Kevin Roe, (419) 531-7390, e-mail kevrave@rootinaround.com.

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