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Kansas Museum of History Celebrates 80 Years of *KANSAS!* Magazine

TOPEKA, KANSAS—The Kansas Historical Society (KSHS) announces that the Kansas Museum of History partnered with *KANSAS!* magazine in honor of the publication's 80th anniversary. The museum's first special exhibit in the renovated gallery will highlight the magazine's long history.

Celebrating KANSAS! features stories and images from across the state and is organized into the six tourism regions of Kansas, with an additional section highlighting stories that cover the entire state. A timeline of the magazine takes visitors from 1945 when it launched as *To the Stars* through its most recent issues under current editor Andrea Etzel.

The exhibit was a true collaboration between *KANSAS!* magazine and the Kansas Historical Society. Etzel served as guest curator for the exhibit, writing the script and helping to select images. Exhibits staff members Anne Dorcey and Nate Forsberg designed, fabricated, and installed the exhibit panels. Collections staff members Matt Renick and Nikaela Zimmerman selected artifacts to display. Archives staff members Lisa Keys and Jennifer Thompson scanned more than 300 images from the pages of the magazine to go into the exhibit.

These stories provide visitors with a fun and adventurous journey across Kansas through time. They pair perfectly with new exhibits and offer Kansans inspiration to travel and explore the beautiful state of Kansas. The museum appreciates the support and generosity of the Kansas Department of Commerce's Tourism Division in sharing these resources for the exhibit.

The Kansas Museum of History opens on November 22, 2025. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday; 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission will be \$10 adults, \$8 seniors, college students with ID, active military; \$5 youth (6-17); children free (0-5).

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