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There are many amazing artists that pass through Hays and give local citizens the chance to experience different genres of music.

While some are solo artists and others members of a band, each brings a unique sound. Todd Sarvies is such an artist, being the solo member of John Boy's Courage.

From St. Louis, he writes all his own music and bases his lyrics on life experiences and emotions.

When asked to place his music in a genre, pop and AAA came to mind. However, that might not fully describe his efforts.

"I guess it takes roots as singer-songwriter," Sarvies said. "I try not to place it though, it's just whatever feels right."

Sarvies has been performing in some capacity his entire life.

"I've been in and out of many bands in the past five years or so. John Boy's Courage is the newest chapter and is about two years old," Sarvies said.

While he has been around music most of his life, Sarvies attributes his start in the industry to the gift of writing.

"I just enjoy writing songs," Sarvies said. "I've always written things down. Notes and poetry eventually became complete songs."

Sarvies frequently is asked about the title of John Boy's Courage and whether it has a specific meaning or story behind it.

"The John Boy part is just a name. The Courage comes from what I write about," Sarvies said. "I write a lot on the struggles in life we face. The things we do because we have to, not necessarily want to."

While Hays is just one stop on a tour across the nation, John Boy's Courage hopes to impact many with this performance.

"I put a lot of heart into it, a lot of emotion. I try to tell a story, not just play a song," Sarvies said.

John Boy's Courage will perform at 7 p.m. today at Semolino Café, 110 W. 11th St., in downtown Hays.

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