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Keeping up with the Joneses: Lessons at Wichita Music Academy a family affair

Gary and Kim Jones believe in the importance of music and investing in their children. All four Jones kids take lessons through the Wichita Music Academy.

“It didn’t look like we were going down the sports path,” Kim said. “They liked sports but not enough to do any competitions.

“We had to find something to keep you guys occupied,” she added.

Bryce, 9, agreed. The family doesn’t have cable TV or video games.

“Now when I don’t have anything to do, I go practice,” Bryce said.

He plays electric guitar so he can learn songs by his favorite bands: AC/DC, Metallica and Megadeth.

“My sister was playing and



The Jones siblings, from left: Brady, 6; Breeleigh, 8; Brynelyn, 11; and Bryce, 9.

it made me listen because it sounded good,” he said, “so I decided to play rock guitar.”

The oldest child, Brynelyn, is 11. She takes guitar, piano and violin lessons. She likes country music, and she wanted to learn Florida Georgia Line’s song “Cruise.”

Brynelyn, who also plays clarinet, said violin was the most difficult instrument.

“We almost were going to drop violin, but Brynelyn insisted that she keep playing,” Kim said.

“I wanted to learn more songs,” Brynelyn remarked.

Breeleigh, 8, was the first to take piano lessons.

“I liked the sound of it and how many keys it had,” she

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Graduation day!

Congratulations to our graduates of the Broadway's Best class! From left: Evelyn Whitmer, Floyd Hansen, Max Stuever, Connie Gonzalez, Lynette Hasz.

Congratulations to our graduates of the Best of Gershwin class! Front row, from left: Phyllis Carr, Ruth Faught. Back row, from left: Bob Schrag, Bill Hall, Laurie DeGarmo, Carl Bierdeman. Not pictured: Priscilla Liddeke.



Welcome to new & returning students who signed up for lessons & classes!

Great Christmas idea: a gift certificate to Garten's Music! Or buy them an instrument, books, lessons or classes! Music is the gift that keeps on giving!

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| Heather B. | Kay K. | Brenda M. | Bella L. |
| Carol R. | Dale M. | Tamra T. | Harlan H. |
| Warren R. | Tyrone B. | Sherryl C. | Corey F. |
| Joan M. | Jay M. | Kiana U. | Quiaana P. |
| Virginia W. | Jane G. | Nate H. | Clara D. |

Mark your calendars!

Upcoming classes and gatherings at Garten's Music:

Goofin' Around Keyboard Class

for adult beginners teaches students to have a blast goofin' around at the keyboard! The 10-week class affords students the chance to learn to play in a fun, no-stress (and no recital) environment. We'll even loan you an instrument!

FREE introductory classes:

- 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5
- 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16

Lowrey Magic classes that are under way:

Red Book 4

- 1 p.m. Tuesdays

Gershwin Deluxe

- 3 p.m. Tuesdays

Red Book 1

- 2 p.m. Wednesdays

Red Book 1

- 10:30 a.m. Thursdays

Red Book 3

- 3 p.m. Thursdays

L.I.F.E. in Kansas MusicMakers

Join the club and enjoy making music with us! We'll elect officers, too.

- 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7

PlayTime

is an opportunity for current and former Lowrey students to enjoy listening to and playing for your friends!

- 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14

Organ Club

includes a Name That Tune game, playing tips, new songbooks and great music!

- 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21
(Theme: Sacred songs)

Upcoming Lowrey Magic workshops:

Regency

- 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12

EZ4

- 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18

EZ2

- 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19

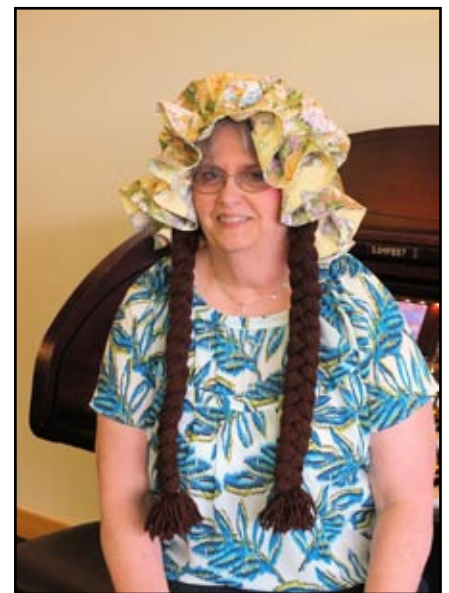
Organ Club Christmas Luncheon

This year it will be held at Spear's Restaurant & Pie Shop. Cost is \$11 a person. Come hungry!

- 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 19



Club fun



Nancy Wiard dressed as Holly Hobbie for a recent Organ Club meeting! The theme was "children's or silly songs."

Goings-on at Garten's & beyond



Garten's Music owner Cindy Houston (left, in red) had a booth at Senior Expo. Millie Tallman, right, performed on Lowrey organs.



Stephen Nguyen reached his one-year anniversary at the Wichita Music Academy! He is a guitar student of teacher Glenn Swindler. Congratulations, Stephen!



Watch for more photos in next month's issue!



Wichita Music Academy student Haley Gillespie recently helped staff member Rhianna Kline make flowers out of sheet music.

Wichita Music Academy News

Student Showcases are set for 3, 5 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at Garten's Music. Sign up if you want to perform!

WMA students receive a \$20 gift certificate for every new student they refer to the academy!



The kids clown around during a break in lessons at the Wichita Music Academy.

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said.

She and her sister ride horses and share a love of country music. Breeleigh is learning Taylor Swift's "Begin Again."

Brady, 6, recently started to learn bass guitar. He felt left out since all his siblings were taking music lessons. He said he liked the sound of the bass.

"It's fun," he continued. "You can learn a lot of stuff."

He learned Ted Nugent's "Cat Scratch Fever," and he also likes Ozzy Osbourne music. He has practiced the song "Louie Louie" with his

brother.

"I don't have to tell him to practice," Kim said of Bryce. "He just does it."

She said Brynelyn also set a good example by practicing regularly.

"She will, on her own, play guitar and piano," Kim added.

In addition to keyboard, guitar, bass and violin, the Wichita Music Academy offers the following lessons: voice, ukulele, dobro, mandolin, banjo, fiddle, saxophone, trombone, trumpet, tuba, euphonium/baritone, clarinet, flute, viola, djembe and cajon.

Unexpected visitor



Captain America had a lesson at the Wichita Music Academy in October!

Thank you for another great year at Garten's Music & the Wichita Music Academy! We hope you have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

Save some green on Black Friday & Small Business Saturday! Stop by Garten's Music Nov. 28 or 29, check out our smokin' hot deals & enjoy coffee & cupcakes.