

# ***Garten's Music***

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## **Guitar student plans to write music, sing; favorite stars include Taylor Swift, Elvis**

Ella Nelling's fascination with guitars started early.

"It's always been an interest," said Ella, 9. "I love it, I'd always hear it and I wanted to play it."

Ella began taking lessons through the Wichita Music Academy at Garten's Music, which offers piano, keyboard, guitar, bass, voice, ukulele, violin, viola, fiddle and saxophone lessons. She soon focused on Taylor Swift songs.

"I practice about an hour a day," she said. "I practice all the chords I know."

She worked hard on Swift's "Begin Again," and after two and a half months of lessons, she played acoustic guitar and sang the song during the Wichita Music Academy's student concert. Her teacher, Glenn Swindler, played backup and sang harmony.



**Ella Nelling**

Ella's parents and grandparents were impressed and a little surprised. Ella prefers to practice in her room with the door shut, said her grandmother, Sandi Nelling.

Even so, Sandi said musical motivation has never been a problem for her granddaughter.

"You don't have to talk her into practicing," Sandi added.

Ella hopes to play in a band

someday.

"When I get older, I'm probably going to write my own music using all the chords I know," she said.

Her next project is to learn an Elvis Presley song.

"Me and my friend dance to his songs all the time at her house," Ella explained, "and it's just really fun to dance with."

Sandi, who drives her granddaughter to her weekly lesson, said Ella was always a happy kid, but she has noticed the joy that comes from lessons and playing.

"I am amazed," Sandi continued. "It seems like everything just fell together so well that we found Garten's Music and the Wichita Music Academy and

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# Graduation Day!

Congratulations to our Lowrey graduates of the Red Book 2 class – Front row, from left, Sally Wiebe, Mary Legge. Back row, from left, Billy McPherson, Max Stuever. Not pictured: Donna Clasen, Lynette Hasz.

Congratulations to our Lowrey graduates of the Red Book 1 class – Front row, from left, Maxine Mikesell, Gayle Devine, Don Thomas. Back row, from left, Becci Flottman, Norma Clutter, Deloris Carmichael, Bryan Snow. Not pictured: Ruth Horsch, Nancy Bowles, Marsha Potvin, Cherrie Sperry.



Lowrey Home Organ Spectacular is May 15-17 in Omaha, Neb. Join others from Garten's Music who will attend! Learn more:

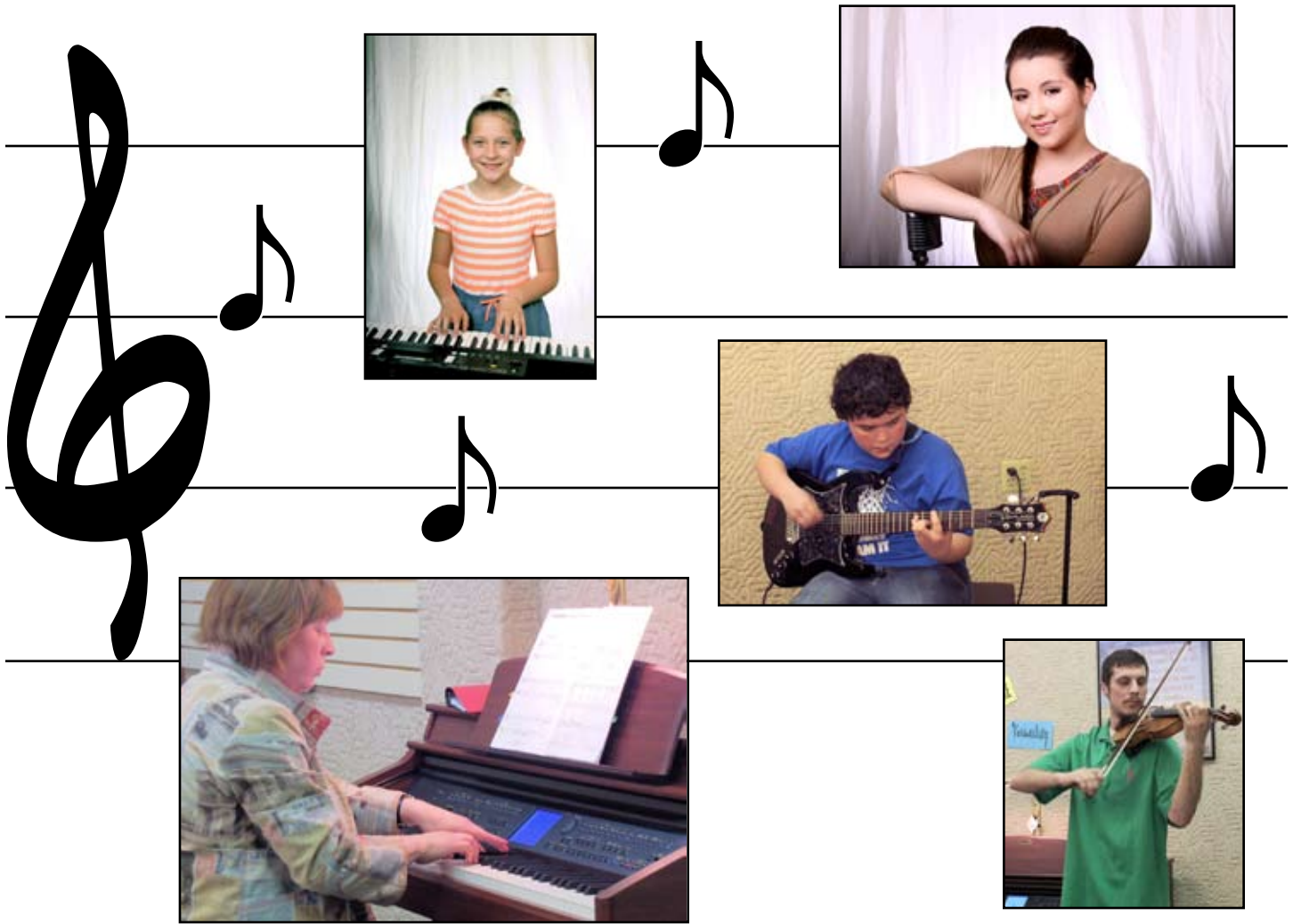
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► Continued from front page. she was assigned to Glenn. They work so well together. He makes it fun.”

The fun continues for other family members, too, as Sandi signed up in April for the Goofin’

Around Keyboard Class at Garten’s Music. She may not be the only relative influenced by Ella’s progress.

“My dad wants me to teach him,” Ella said with a grin.



## Students showcase their talent

The Wichita Music Academy's spring student concerts were in April. Among the participants: Chloe Webb (above left), Kaliegh Garcia (above right), Christian Goss (guitar), Vicky Isliefson (keyboard) and Thomas Reeves (violin).

# Mark your calendars!

## Upcoming classes and gatherings at Garten's Music:

### L.I.F.E. in Kansas MusicMakers

Join the club and enjoy making music with us.

– 2 p.m. Friday, May 2

### Organ Club

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

– 2 p.m. Friday, May 23  
(Theme: Places or Travel)

### PlayTime

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

– 2 p.m. Friday, May 9

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

Lynette H.	Sandi N.	Jim H.
Leigh Z.	Carol J.	Max S.
Donna C.	Beverly P.	Gregory G.
Leo H.	Warren B.	Beverly B.
Joe P.	Sherry B.	Deloris C.
Connie P.	John L.	Connie G.
Esther G.	Roberta S.	Don L.
Leonard M.	Velda L.	Peggy U.
Mary M.	Nancy S.	Sally W.
Juanita G.	Mary G.	Cheryl P.
Arletta P.	Floyd H.	Christina F.
David W.	Billy M.	Aidan W.
Marion C.	Maxine M.	Logan M.



## Wichita Music Academy students who miss lessons may attend makeup classes

Sometimes students in the Wichita Music Academy must skip a lesson due to illness, vacation or other reasons.

We are pleased to offer makeup classes for students to attend at no additional charge when they must miss a lesson. Our instructors teach the classes. Some examples of classes include adult piano, child piano, adult guitar, child guitar or group voice.

Students are not required to perform in front of the group. Teachers cover general topics that every musician should know, such as proper rhythm or music history.

Vicky Islietson, an adult piano student, enjoyed her group makeup class. She said it was neat to get acquainted with other teachers in the Wichita Music Academy, and she was glad to see what other students were doing and playing.

“That was fun!” she remarked.

**Give her the gift that lasts a lifetime - the gift of music!**



**Mother's Day is Sunday, May 11**



**Great Mother's Day or graduation idea: a gift certificate for a class, songbook or music accessories at Garten's!**

