



# Garten's Music

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## Daughter's lessons prompt dad to learn

Ken Wiseman has a knack for attracting guitars. Before he learned to play last year, he had received nine guitars as gifts. That includes acoustic guitars, electric guitars with amps, and even a matching acoustic and electric. They came from a variety of sources – even from job sites when he ran a construction company.

“Someone is trying to tell me something here,” he said.

But it wasn't until his daughter, Ryleigh, expressed an interest in ukulele that Ken started guitar lessons. Ryleigh, now 10, saw her friend's ukulele and asked for lessons. She began learning at Garten's Music, home of the Wichita Music Academy, in March 2018. Ken said he had always wanted to play guitar, and instead of just waiting for his daughter each week during her lesson, he decided to enroll in April 2018.



Ryleigh Wiseman and her dad, Ken, are growing as musicians together.

Ken had tried an online lesson and then tried teaching himself with a CD. However, he needed weekly lessons with a one-on-one instructor. He likes incorporating different elements such as reading music, going over chords and learning strumming patterns.

“I can't do the same thing day in and day out,” Ken remarked.

Ryleigh wanted to learn

songs by Imagine Dragons and Grace VanderWaal. Her favorite song she has learned is VanderWaal's “Moonlight.” Ryleigh admitted that she felt nervous when she arrived for her first lesson – she was afraid she would mess up or play the wrong note. How-

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Watch more of our  
interview with Ken &  
Ryleigh online:

<http://bit.ly/March19FeaturedStudent>

# Graduation day!



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Songs with 3 Chords)! Front row, from left: Fred Cook, Geri Acridge, Lisa Shorter, Judy Fruth, Penny Ruddle. Back row, from left: Helon Spencer, Carolyn Johnson, Debra Higgs, Judy Cook, Noel Gary, Galen Fruth, Fred Washington.

## Fun Friday night



A group from the Adventurous Babes Society, a social network for women 21 and older, visited Garten's Music in February for a one-hour ukulele class. It was a fun Friday night, and another session has been scheduled for this summer!

## Happy winner



Garten's Music had a booth at Women's Fair in Wichita! Lisa Cowdin (above) won 2 fair tickets in our Facebook contest.

# Mark your calendars!

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

### Organ Club

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

– 2 p.m. Friday, March 15  
(Theme: Songs of Encouragement)

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

Join the club and enjoy making music with us!

– 2 p.m. Friday, April 5

### Classes starting:

#### Lowrey Magic Red Book 1

– starts at 3 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 6

#### Lowrey Magic Green Book 1

– starts at 1:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 26

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ever, Ryleigh and Ken both enjoy their teachers, Les Clark and Toby Lind.

“Our teachers are really fun and they teach us cool music. He’s really, really funny and he jokes a lot and teaches me a lot of cool stuff,” Ryleigh said of Les.

Ken described Toby as a consistently patient teacher who never becomes frustrated with his many questions.

“With my instructor, I can ask any question and it might be a silly question, but he doesn’t treat it that way,” Ken said.

The two also appreciate the

Musical Ladder System, which awards wristbands, certificates and trophies for achieving musical milestones. They will soon earn their Rock Star wristbands and trophies.

“I like it,” Ryleigh said. “It’s fun to get stuff when you do a test or something.”

“You can’t measure the baby steps one by one,” Ken added. “I know I’m moving forward, and that’s just another positive reinforcement that I’m moving forward.”

His goals are to become a proficient guitarist, play multiple songs and eventually move on

to piano.

“It’s been one of my bucket-list things, to learn instruments,” Ken said.

Ryleigh wants to learn the songs “Burned” by VanderWaal and “Zero” by Imagine Dragons. She also started playing violin in her school’s orchestra this year.

Ken said it means a lot to take music lessons with his daughter and to hear her play recognizable songs on uke or violin.

“That warms my heart,” he said, “because that’s something she will always have.”



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# WMA students earn recognition

Wichita Music Academy students recently received their trophies, wristbands and certificates for achieving musical milestones. We are proud of them! See more photos, Page 5.



Aidan K.



Brody H.



Hannah R.



Kayla H.



Alex R.



Jace A.



Maria M.



Caleb S.



Rey Z.



Ella K.



Amanda E.



Kayla N.



Gabe G.



Melody F.



Arisa C.



Sophia M., right,  
with instructor  
Georgeanne



Siblings Audrey  
and Owen R.



Morgan B.



Scarlett Y.



Jadon H.



Carson C.



Emma B.



Nevaeh C.



Shawn M.



Cooper B.



Jade B.



Victoria M.



Kevin C.



Teagan P.



Vincent W.



Ailey F.



Malia S.



Kyle G.



Erin L.



Alexxis S.



Cecelia H.



Brynlee W.



Ethan E.

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

Maddie W.  
Chloe T.  
Alisson M.  
Olivia B.  
Oscar F.  
Rhonda W.  
Hector P.  
Hannah H.  
Calen C.  
Sean S.  
ThuyAnh N.  
Barbara A.  
Carolyn M.  
Glenda D.

Alexandria B.  
Gary F.  
Dalton A.  
Kaden A.  
Alba B.  
Levi S.  
Maddy K.  
Daniel H.  
LeAnna G.  
Kelly N.  
QuyAnh N.  
Karen A.  
Jenny S.  
Judy C.

**Congratulations to the winners of our monthly drawings for January and February! Erica Luke received a music stand, and Beverly Coover won a guitar wallet.**

# *We got the beat*



Garten's Music had a booth at Women's Fair again this year! The event took place in February at Century II in Wichita.

## *Celebrating a milestone*

**The Wichita Music Academy offers instruction in piano, keyboard, guitar, bass, voice, ukulele, flute, tuba, saxophone, trombone, trumpet, clarinet, baritone/euphonium, violin, viola, cello, drums & percussion!**



The Goofin' Around Keyboard Class + Wichita Music Academy = 300 students! Thanks to all the students, parents and instructors at Garten's! Pictured left to right: Michael, Cindy and Amy Houston.