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Trombone player loves challenge

When Andrew Brant was choosing a band instrument last year in fifth grade, he had several contenders.

His mother and sister played flute, and he had experimented with a clarinet that belonged to his cousin. Even so, something about the trombone appealed to him.

“That one just kind of pulled me a little more to it,” he said. “With the clarinet, I thought, ‘This will be fun.’ With the trombone, I thought, ‘This will be a challenge.’”

Brant played trombone in band for a year and then decided to leave band because he wanted to learn at a faster pace. He has taken lessons for one year at the Wichita Music Academy.

Brant followed his sister, who was already a Wichita Music Academy piano student. He said her progress



Andrew Brant

influenced him to start lessons as well. His instructor is Robby Avila.

“He’s very creative,” Brant said of Avila. “He mixes so many different genres when we’re learning.”

Brant, a Michigan State fan, played the Spartans’ fight song in the December Student Showcase. He is now looking forward to learning

“The Imperial March” from “Star Wars.”

Brant said that his musical goal is to “keep moving up.” He explained that as he improves and continues to learn more, he considers what he wants to do in the future, like joining the high school band or playing in orchestra.

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Graduation day!



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (3-chord Country)! Seated, from left: Connie Suhler, Edna Tomlin, Thelma Etherton, Kerrie Platt, Theresa Hubbard, Marsha Helmer. Standing, from left: Yvonne Coon, Raina Harper, Arletta Perrie, Joe Perrie, Janet Adams, Linda Beauchamp, Brenda Mareda, Floyd Hansen. Not pictured: Brenda Banta.



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Red Book 2)! Seated, from left: Rasri Kraisan, Mez Dreyer, Jocelyn Pickard. Standing, from left: Zelma Smith, Linda Overman, Janette Barnes, Anna May Colon.

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 5

PlayTime

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

– 2 p.m. Friday, May 12

Organ Club

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

– 2 p.m. Friday, May 19
(Theme: Flowers)

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 class:

– 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 2

Come see our booth

at KidFest on Saturday, May 6, at Century II in Wichita! The event lasts from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Classes available:

Lowrey Magic Red Book 1

– starts at 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, May 3

“Hits From Musicals, Part 2” for Green level

– starts at 2 p.m.
Tuesday, June 6

Lowrey Magic Red Book 1

– starts at 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 6

“Patriotic Songs” for Red level

– starts at 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, June 8

“Hits From Musicals” for Blue level

– starts at 2 p.m.
Thursday, June 8



♪ I'm going to Kansas City ... ♪

Goofin' Around Keyboard Class students Vesta Campbell, left, and Nancy Wiard attended the Home Organ Holiday Spectacular in April at Kansas City! The event included concerts, workshops and even a conga line!

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.



Israel V.



Cooper H.



Ivy D.



Jessica S.



Kloe B.



Faheem C.



Mia D.



QuyAnh N.



Instructor Joy Vigilus, left, and Daphne V.



Instructor Andrew Wingert, left, and Lillian P.



Wingert and Priscilla T.



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ThuyAnh N.



Jonathan B.



Instructor Joy Vigilius,
left, and Isabella M.



Olivia W.

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Brant follows Michigan State sports, and he plays basketball and baseball. He said it wasn't too difficult to fit in music practice with homework, sports practice and ballgames.

“I just try to work around everything,” Brant said. “It’s only a challenge when your dad doesn’t hear you playing, and you’ve been watching TV for an hour.”

Brant has thought about what it would be like to join the Michigan State band and play the fight song on campus in East Lansing.

“Oh, yeah!” he exclaimed. “If I’m there one day, I’m just going to scream, ‘Been doing this since I was in sixth grade!’”



First-place honors

Congratulations to Wichita Music Academy instructor Robby Avila! He was a member of the saxophone quartet that took first place in the 15th annual Konrad Wolff-Ilse Bing Chamber Music Competition at Wichita State University. Pictured from left: Avila, Tyler Burgess, Dr. Geoffrey Deibel, Bobby Kitchen and Robert Hess. The group received a \$6,000 prize.

Congrats to the winner of our monthly drawing for March! Debra Higgs received a CD of piano music and a music book clip.



Ukulele ladies

Garten's Music held the last of its ukulele classes in March for those who purchased ukuleles at our Women's Fair booth. Les Clark, Andrew Wingert and Michael Houston helped the new uke players tune their instruments and learn some chords!



New arrivals

We are pleased to welcome Kahuna ukuleles to Garten's Music. Come check them out and say hello to Felix!

Save the date!

The next Wichita Music Academy Student Showcases will be Sunday, June 25. We'll notify you when sign-up sheets are posted!

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!

Call today to reserve your spot ... before the time and day you want are taken!

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

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| Cayleigh C. | Kelley C. |
| Margo I. | Huy H. |
| Rina H. | Isabella R. |
| Paige S. | Autumn W. |
| Anastacia R. | Anthony R. |
| Priscilla L. | Kevin F. |
| Lorraine B. | Meghan H. |
| Ivan D. | Penny R. |
| Earlene F. | Nancy S. |
| Austin P. | Ulala P. |
| Gloria D. | Bill P. |
| Galen F. | Judy F. |
| Shirley N. | Joyce B. |
| Casey O. | Gerri A. |
| Carolyn J. | Sharon T. |