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Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities

DEEPWOOD IDOL 2026

Red, White, & Abilities Unite!



Deepwood Idol is a joyful and inclusive talent showcase inspired by the television show American Idol™, with a local twist. It's a true celebration of our community coming together to uplift and honor individuals with developmental disabilities — highlighting their unique talents, creativity, and courage.

**August 15, 2026
1:15 PM - 2:30 PM
Mentor Cityfest**

Visit LakeBDD.org or social media [@DeepwoodLakeDD](https://www.instagram.com/DeepwoodLakeDD) to learn more about the Lake County Board of DD/Deepwood.

Deepwood Idol 2026 Red, White, & Abilities Unite!

We encourage you to show your excitement and cheer for contestants while they perform and follow us on social media @DeepwoodLakeDD and #DeepwoodIdol2026.

Welcome:

Masters of Ceremonies: Matt Herman,
Michael Shubert, Ellana Fishwick, and Tanisha Carlgren

Elfie Roman, Superintendent
Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities

National Anthem:

Megan Thornhill, Tanisha Carlgren, and Deepwood Idol Performers

Deepwood Idol Event Judges:

Dan Troy, Ohio State Representative
Judge Mark Bartolotta, Lake County Probate Court
Michael Zuren, Lake County Treasurer
John Plecnik, Lake County Commissioner
Judge Joseph Gibson, LCBDD Board President
Judge Larry Allen, Past LCBDD Board President
Pam Martin, LCBDD Board Member
Wayne Brodnan, LCBDD Board Vice President
Morgan R. McIntosh, Lake County Commissioner
Jessie Baginski, Mentor Rotary President

Score tally by Elfie Roman & Ann Mahler, LCBDD

Deepwood Idol Performances

Contestants	Talent
Chloe	Singing
Lani	Singing
Breeanna	Singing
Shelley	Comedy
AJ "Alexia"	Singing
Mindy & Brendan	Singing & Dancing
Kevin	Singing
Jessica	Singing & Playing Keyboard
Cora	Singing
Charlotte	Singing
Carli	Singing
Canesia	Singing
Jordan	Singing & Dancing

Preshow performance by Broadmoor School's early intervention and preschool students.

While the judges tally scores, enjoy a guest performance by the Special Olympics Dance Team "The Deepwood Dancers."

