



Notes of Interest



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The Passing of the Baton

In most track & field events, there is a relay race. Relays are usually the last race of the day and always draw a lot of excitement from the crowd. Each of the four runners on the team runs one leg of the race. Crucial to the success of the race is not just the speed of the runners, but the passing of the baton. The first runner comes out of the starting blocks at full speed with a baton in his hand. The second runner waits at a pre-determined spot. When the first runner comes close, Number 2 starts to run, holding his hand out behind him. At just the right moment, Number 1 places the baton into the outstretched hand and lets go. Runner 2 is off on his leg of the journey while Number 3 waits up ahead. Four different times the baton must be handed off . . . four opportunities to lose the race if the baton is passed improperly.

Two years ago, MVB band director John Brane announced that he was ready to pass the baton. His last concert as director would be the Christmas concert in 2019. Since that time, many have wondered who the next director would be. Indeed, the Board of Directors talked long and hard about it, going over names of possible candidates and contacting them to gauge their interest. In the end, it all came down to someone who has been in the MVB since the first day – Don Lamb.

Don finished his education at Ball State University in 1968 and immediately started teaching in Summitville, which became Madison-Grant High School the following year. Don stayed at MGHS and spent rest of his career teaching young Argylls to make music with instruments. He retired in 2002 after 34 years of teaching.

In 2000, he heard that a community band was starting in Marion, with John Brane directing. He went to the first rehearsal, along with 63 other people, and as they say, the rest is history. Band directors don't usually get many chances to play and perform, so he saw this as a great opportunity to do just that. Of course, one of the other perks was the privilege of hanging out with a great bunch of people!

Since retiring the opportunities to play trombone really opened up for Don. In 2005 he became a member of the Indiana Wind Symphony. He make trips to Winona Lake two times a year to perform with The Grace College/Community Band, and another in May to play with a brass ensemble that plays for their commencement. He also plays in America's Hometown Band in Muncie. He also directs the Mississinewa Valley Swing Band and gives private lessons in his spare time.

Don knows that this assignment will require time and commitment. "Community bands give people a chance to come together and do some-

thing they love," he says, "which is making music. This is certainly the case with the MVB. Folks from all walks of life, all ages and all levels of ability join together and have fun making music. Becoming the MVB director means that I'll need to spend time studying scores and preparing for rehearsals -- no more just throwing the t-bone in the car and heading for Marion! This activity is too important to the people in the band and the Grant county community to see it end. Taking leadership of the MVB will be an awesome responsibility that will require me to bring my "A" game each week to rehearsal and prepare the band to play its very best. Priority #2 is to continue to make sure making music is fun!"

When asked what future he sees for the MVB, he answered, "I see a bright future! We have 20 years of tradition to build on, but we can't rest on that. We need to move forward and continue to work to make the MVB the best community band around."

The next leg of the race is about to begin. We are confident that the passing of the baton will go smoothly, and the second runner will do just as well as the first.



Windsong Flute Ensemble Delights Small Audience

The Windsong Flute Ensemble was privileged to play at the Hartford City Library on Saturday, July 13. The library has a summer reading program for children called "A Universe of Stories". Windsong was asked to put together an hour long musical program emphasizing the theme. So they went to the far reaches of the galaxy to help the kids learn more about the planets and the sun, moon and stars. Among the planet-inspired songs, they

featured music from Star Trek, Star Wars, and Superman. They also had special visits from Captain Kirk, Obi-Wan-Kenobi and Superman plus a few aliens made a special appearance to play a couple songs for the kids. To end the program, the kids played and sang along while playing kazoos and handmade banjos. This was the third time Windsong has played at the library and they love playing for kids - of all ages.

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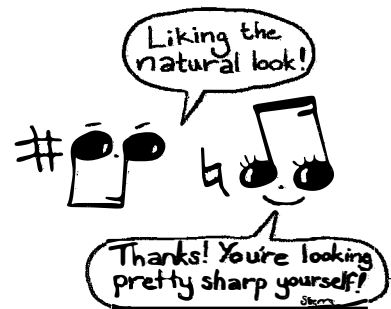
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FALL CELEBRATION

Tuesday, October 1, 2019
7:30 p.m.

Eastbrook High School Auditorium



Rebus puzzles convey meanings by using symbols and the way words are arranged on a page.
 Example: ban / ana = banana split. Now you try it! Answers are below.

Rebus Puzzle

1 CCCCCCC	2 LE / VEL	3 GIVE GET GIVE GET GIVE GET GIVE GET	4 ABCDEFGHIJKLMN OPQRSTVWXYZ	5 T O W N
6 LU CKY	7 HE'S / HIMSELF	8 BL USE	9 AID AID AID	10
11 GROUND FEET FEET FEET FEET FEET FEET	12 ECNALG	13 CYCLE CYCLE CYCLE	14 R E A D I N G	15 R O A D S R O A D S
16 0 — M.D. Ph.D. B.Sc.	17 KNEE LIGHTS	18 YOU J U S T ME	19 MILONELION	20 PRO / MISE
21 T O C H U	22 1,2,3,...38, 39,40 LIFE	23 	24 economy	25 UP 8
26 JUST	27 3.141592653589	28 G N LOST I LOST K LOST A LOST M	29 O V A T I O N	30 STAND TAKE MINE TAKING 1 YOU 2 MY

Upcoming MVB Performances

Sunday, September 29, 9:00 a.m.
 Swing Band at Playacres Park, Fairmount
 Tuesday, October 1, 7:30 p.m.
 Fall Celebration, Eastbrook High School
 Tuesday, December 10, 7:30 p.m.
 Yuletide Spectacular, Indiana Wesleyan University

Puzzle answers: 1.The seven seas. 2.Split level. 3.Forgive and forget. 4.Missing you. 5.Downtown. 6.Lucky break. 7.He's beside himself. 8.See-through blouse. 9.First aid. 10.West Indies. 11.Six feet under ground. 12.Backward glance. 13.Tricycle. 14.Reading between the lines. 15.Crossroads. 16.Three degrees below zero. 17.Neon lights. 18.Just between you and me. 19.One in a million. 20.Broken promise. 21.You are out of touch. 22.Life begins at 40. 23.Jack in the box. 24.Growing economy. 25.Up before eight. 26.Just around the corner. 27.Apple pie. 28.Making up for lost time. 29.Standing ovation. 30. I understand you undertake to undermine my undertaking

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