

# Notes of Interest

The Mississinewa Valley Band Newsletter



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## Why Did the Chicken Cross the Road?



This satirical article answers the age-old question, sparing no politician or party and dissing a few other celebs in the process.

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- DONALD TRUMP: We will build a big wall to keep illegal chickens from crossing the road. We will have a door for legal chickens. It's gonna be AMAZING!
- TED CRUZ: It doesn't matter where the chicken was born.
- JOHN KERRY: We will trust the chicken to tell us whether it crossed the road or not.
- CHRIS CHRISTIE: We need to waterboard that chicken to find out why it crossed the road.
- RAND PAUL: It's none of our business why the chicken crossed the road.
- NANCY PELOSI: We will have to wait until the chicken crosses the road to see what it says.
- MARCO RUBIO: To get to the other side. To get to the other side. To get to the other side.
- CARLY FIORINA: Hilary Clinton lied about why the chicken crossed the road.
- BRIAN WILLIAMS: I crossed the road with that chicken.
- BEN CARSON: This isn't brain surgery, so why did the chicken cross the road?
- SARAH PALIN: The chicken crossed the road because, gosh-darn it, he's a maverick!
- BARACK OBAMA: Let me be perfectly clear, if the chickens like their eggs they can keep their eggs. No chicken will be required to cross the road to surrender her eggs. Period.
- HILLARY CLINTON: What difference at this point does it make why the chicken crossed the road?
- GEORGE W. BUSH: We don't really care why the chicken crossed the road. We just want to know if the chicken is on our side of the road or not. The chicken is either with us or against us. There is no middle ground here. (continued on next page)

## John Brane Receives IWU

On Wednesday, August 24, 2016, MVB director John Brane was presented with the Tony Maidenberg Community Service Award at an all-campus convocation at Indiana Wesleyan University. Tony Maidenberg, a life-long Marion resident, was the first recipient of Indiana Wesleyan University's annual award for community service. The award later was named in his honor. The following was taken from the script read at the August 24<sup>th</sup> ceremony:

*The person we honor today with the 2016 Tony Maidenberg Award for community service has put a song – actually hundreds of songs – in the hearts of area music lovers. Sixteen years ago, after retiring from a long career as a school band director in Grant County, our honoree yielded to the nudging of friends and agreed to help organize a community band. Much to his – and everyone else's – surprise, more than 800 people showed up for the band's first concert at Phillippe Performing Arts Center.*

*First introduced as the "newest jewel in Grant County's cultural crown," the band has far exceeded that prophesy. Under our honoree's leadership, the Mississinewa Valley Band has one of the most highly attended concert averages of any community band in Indiana. The band presents three concerts each year at Phillippe*

*Performing Arts Center, playing for audiences of 700 to 1000 people, in addition to presenting a series of summer outdoor concerts in Marion and surrounding communities.*

*In addition to entertaining thousands of people, the band has given many members of the community an outlet by which they can share their God-given gifts of music. Recently, the band has added a community choir. In addition, our honoree continues to raise the concert bar by including local students from dance studios, soloists from IWU and around the state, and music groups from local schools and other community*

*vocal groups. Despite the hundreds of hours he spends annually with the band, our honoree also is a servant leader in Van Buren, where he has lived for a number of years. His creation of the Van Buren Do-It organization has resulted in numerous projects*

*being completed. The organization places and cares for flowers as well as cleaning and maintaining sidewalks in the Van Buren business area. Do-It volunteers recently painted the town park pavilion.*

*Please join me in congratulating the recipient of the 2016 Tony Maidenberg Community Service Award, the co-founder and director of the Mississinewa Valley Band, Mr. John Brane.*



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### MVB Concert Schedule

Tuesday September 20, 7:30 p.m.  
Sacred concert at the Phillippe, IWU campus

Tuesday December 13, 7:30 p.m.  
Yuletide Spectacular at the Phillippe, IWU campus

### Chicken, continued

- BILL CLINTON: I did not cross the road with that chicken.
- AL GORE: I invented the chicken.
- DR. PHIL: The problem we have here is that this chicken won't realize that he must first deal with the problem on this side of the road before it goes after the problem on the other side of the road. What we need to do is help him realize how stupid he is acting by not taking on his current problems before adding any new problems.
- OPRAH: I understand that the chicken is having problems, which is why he wants to cross the road so badly. So instead of having the chicken learn from his mistakes and take falls, which is a part of life, I'm going to give this chicken a NEW CAR so that he can just drive across the road and not live his life like the rest of the chickens.
- BILL GATES: I have just released *eChicken2016*, which will not only cross roads, but will lay eggs, file your important documents and balance your check-book.
- ALBERT EINSTEIN: Did the chicken really cross the road, or did the road move beneath the chicken?
- GRANDPA: In my day we didn't ask why the chicken crossed the road. Somebody told us the chicken crossed the road, and that was good enough for us.
- ERNEST HEMINGWAY: To die in the rain, alone.
- COLONEL SANDERS: Did I miss one?



## Wacky Definitions

The medical dictionary has some new definitions for well-known words. Enjoy!

- **Fibula**—A small lie
- **Tablet**—A small table
- **Dilate**—To live a long life
- **Cat scan**—A search for kitty
- **Urine**—When you are not out
- **Tumor**—One more than one more
- **Medical staff**—a doctor's walking cane
- **Labor pains**—The result of work injury
- **Out patient**—A person who has fainted
- **Cauterized**—Made eye contact with her
- **Nitrates**—A price cheaper than day rates
- **Benign**—What you are after you are eight
- **Bacteria**—The back door of the cafeteria
- **Barium**—What doctors suggest to do with someone who has passed on



One advantage of talking to yourself is that you know at least somebody's listening.

The MVB's new website is up and running. Check it out at [mississinewavalleyband.com](http://mississinewavalleyband.com).

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