

'Write a song that comes from the heart'

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Some of his favorite musicians include Eric Church and Jason Aldean, explaining that his own genre of music falls into the "new style" of country.

What makes Mike so passionate about country music, he says, is that he's been exposed to it, by his family, throughout life.

"It's what I grew up with," he says without hesitation.

Mike performed his own music at the Colgate Country Showdown in Mifflintown in 2010 and 2011, as well as at the Community Fun Night in McAlisterville. He also spends time as a worship leader at the New Harvest Community Church in Newport.

Mike says though he has a full-time job now, if an opportunity comes up in the country music field, he'll take it.

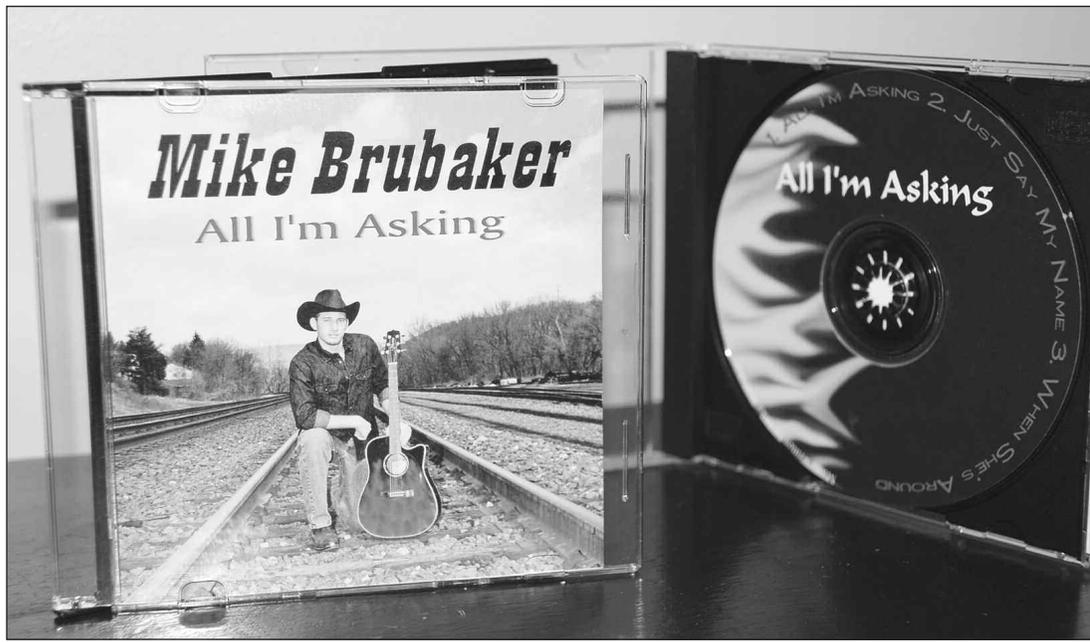
"I'd like to keep writing songs," he says. "Right now it's kind of a hobby instead of a job."

Mike says the advice he would offer to other aspiring songwriters is that fans want to hear about experiences that are personal.

"Write a song that comes from the heart," he says. "I never thought I could write



Mike Brubaker performs at the Colgate Country Showdown in Mifflintown.



Mike Brubaker has recorded three songs, but has written about 10 or 11 in all. Brubaker says what's made him so passionate about country music is being exposed to it through his family, and growing up with it.

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songs at first, but I just had an experience in life and that's where I started from."

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