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➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Isaiah 54:17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Carrie Clements smiles brightly for our roving photographer. Thank you for your smile Carrie!

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Continuing a practice he started since first taking office, Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton will once again make himself available to meet with the public. This month's meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday at 4 - 5 p.m. at the Mayor's Office Conference Room. The Mayor's Office is located at 300 E Pike St. The purpose is to open discussions with concerned citizens about anything to do with the city of Crawfordsville.

2 Zack Piller and his dad were fishing for bass and tuna off the coast of New Jersey when suddenly a massive whale breached the waters in front of them, says the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. Zack didn't panic; he reached for his cell phone and taped the encounter. Oh yeah, as the behemoth crashed back into the water it tapped their boat. It was a near miss but the whale did, in fact, tap their boat. No harm. But they have one heck of a fish story to tell for a long time to come.

3 Its seems that the folks at the Guinness Book of World Records search far and wide to find what some might call off-beat categories, says the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. Take, for example, the award it gives out to a contender who can blow a pea farther than anyone else. David Rush keeps breaking that record over and over again. He outdid his competitors and himself recently by putting his lips together and blowing his pea a distance of 84 feet, 11.28 inches. It was Rush's 250th win not just for pea blowing but for a variety of Guinness records.

BTN

By The Numbers, a look at what's in the news . . . by the numbers. These are just numbers, not suggestions that they mean more or less than what they are. We do not suggest that one number is connected to another. These are simply facts with no extraneous details, bias or slanted reporting. To borrow (and perhaps mangle a bit) a quote from legendary fictional detective Joe Friday, it's just the numbers, ma'am!

\$500

The Montgomery County Master Gardeners are happy to announce that they will be once again awarding a \$500 scholarship to any Montgomery County resident attending an accredited Indiana college or university and pursuing a degree in some field related to horticulture or plant sciences, such as botany, agriculture, landscape design, forestry, or others. Applications are now available at the Purdue Montgomery County Extension office, 400 Parke Avenue. Completed applications must be submitted no later than April 7, 2023. The winner will be announced by May 31.

\$387,500



John Downey

F.C. Tucker West Central is pleased to announce their February Listing and Sales leaders. Agent John Downey was the February Listing leader for F.C. Tucker West Central. John led the way with \$387,500 in listing volume.

\$300,000

More than \$300,000 in financial assistance is available to Duke Energy Indiana customers who may be struggling to pay their energy bills. The funding is made possible through Duke Energy's Share the Light Fund, which brings together customers and communities to help individuals and families in need. Qualifying Duke Energy customers can receive up to a \$300 credit annually on their account.



\$25,000

Recently nearly 100 county educators and students joined the Montgomery County Educational Foundation to share innovative or creative projects implemented in their classrooms this year. Projects presented were funded by MCEF's Teacher Grant program, which distributes nearly \$25,000 per year to Pre-K through 12th grade public school teachers in the county.



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3,000

Madelynn Fossnock, age 3, has completed the Crawfordsville District Public Library program "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" for the third time. Along with her parents, Mary and Josh Fossnock, she has read 3000 books. Madelynn's favorite book is Disney's 5-Minute Frozen Stories Collection. Mom said, "Madelynn loves reading and always looks forward to trips to the library!"



The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 7:40 a.m.
SET: 8:07 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 49 °F
Low: 40 °F



Today is...

- World Theatre Day
- National Scribble Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1998 Viagra is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration
- 1871 England and Scotland compete in the first international rugby match



Births On This Day

- 1924 Sarah Vaughan American singer
- 1970 Mariah Carey American singer-songwriter, producer, actress

Deaths On This Day

- 2002 Billy Wilder Austrian/American director
- 2006 Rudolf Vrba Czech/Canadian holocaust survivor, educator

➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Why does Monday always start so slow?



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Try to eat as a family often - home-cooked meals are generally healthier. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com.



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➔ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Want To Go?

The Montgomery County Democrat Party is getting today. The Democrats have scheduled a meeting for this evening at 7 p.m. in the Donnelley Room of the Crawfordsville Public Library. They extend a warm welcome to anyone who wants to attend.

➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"In March winter is holding back and spring is pulling forward. Something holds and something pulls inside of us too."
Jean Hersey

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

What falls in March and never gets hurt?
Rain.

➔ OBITUARIES

NONE

The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank Tom Knueven for subscribing!



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7 DAY FORECAST

40/49 AM BRIZZLE, COOLER	32/48 CHILLY, STRAY SHOWER	30/54 NOT AS COOL	35/60 SOME SUN, MORE MILD	52/62 RAIN AND STORMS	48/48 STRAY SHOWERS, FALLING TEMPS	32/53 MAINLY SUNNY
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN

A Tourist Town

My husband, Peter, and I are staying in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, which is, according to a lot of folks, a tourist town.

Sometimes, the person saying this means it is not a place they would want to spend time. This puzzles me. I'm not sure why a town known for meatpacking or manufacturing would be a better place to spend time than a town known for tourism. But I respect anyone's right to spend time wherever they want, and Peter and I are happy in San Miguel, in large part because it is a tourist town.

A lot of the tourists are from the United States. A surprising number are from Canada.

"Is there anyone left up there in the winter?" I asked a Canadian visitor I met at the writers' conference last week. There were more Canadians in the audience than folks from the U.S. and Mexico combined. I found this astonishing, considering that all of Canada has only as many people as Mexico City.

"Did you leave someone up there to turn off the lights?" I asked.

But more common than either Canadians or Americans are, of course, the Mexican tourists who come to town to enjoy the year-round festivities of San Miguel. There is always a party of some sort going on. There is music in the streets, religious celebrations, parades of zombies, costumed indigenous dancers, fireworks and giant puppets—amazing surprises that appear every day, surprises that appear as if by magic.

And there's no mistaking Mexican tourists for their northern counterparts.

U.S. tourists tend to look as if they are braced for calamity. They constantly refer to their maps. They wear sunscreen under their oversized hats, have trousers filled with zippered pockets, secret money belts and hiding places for their passports. They wear shoes intended for hiking up mountains and carry water in case they should make a wrong turn at the ice cream shop and inadvertently end up marooned in the desert.

Mexican tourists are



CARRIE CLASON
The Postscript

always better dressed, often in high heels, and never lost.

They wear sequins and carry small dogs and, even when I don't know what they are saying, I can hear them using a lot of exclamation points to say it. Mexicans do not take photos of the sights, but of one another, smiling broadly, and usually holding their small dogs. They zip in on Friday nights and start partying immediately, hiring the mariachi bands to play songs they love and lining up at restaurants to have their favorite meals.

The U.S. tourists generally look less cheerful. They are also older. I noticed, on a rare occasion that a store advertised in English, the sign read, "Spare parts for crutches, wheelchairs and walking sticks." Clearly, they knew their market.

Mexican tourists would be unlikely to need any of the above, despite the high heels, and would be more inclined to buy festive costumes for their tiny dogs.

By Monday morning, most of the Mexican tourists are gone, leaving only traces of confetti on the cobblestones, which the street cleaners work diligently to remove until they are, again, pristine and ready for the next party.

I'm trying to learn from the Mexican tourists. I'm trying to remember to smile at strangers and worry less about falling on the cobblestones (even if I keep wearing practical shoes). I'm trying to put a little more glitter in my life and a few more sequins.

Being prepared for an emergency is a good thing, of course. But being prepared for a party is every bit as important.

Till next time,
Carrie

Carrie's memoir is "Blue Yarn." Learn more about her writing at CarrieClason.com.

The Lincoln School For Colored Children

EDITOR'S NOTE:
In 1881 Crawfordsville School Trustees ordered a school be built at the southwest corner of Spring and North Walnut Streets to serve black students in grades 1-8. Once graduated, the students attended the integrated Crawfordsville High School. This site accommodated the vast majority of black families living in Crawfordsville's north end. Trustees purchased the lot in September 1881 for \$2,000. On Dec. 3, 1881, Hinckley and Norris won the contract to build the building for \$6,400. The architects designed a plain two-story red brick structure with playgrounds for all the black children who resided in that area. Lincoln School officially opened in September 1882 with 42 students. When the black population moved to the east end to work in the factories, Lincoln Building 1 was renovated into Horace Mann, and Lincoln Build 2 was opened on East Wabash Avenue. That building became Lincoln Rec Center and was demolished in 1981. This project began as a project historical research project to honor all those individuals who went to school in separate and unequal facilities as the law dictated.

Henry L Brown 1872-1936

Henry L Brown was born in approximately 1872 to parents Henry A and Sinda. Henry A, born 1849 in Alabama, was a barber and had a business on the west side of Green Street between Walnut and Main Streets.

Sinda, born approximately 1855 in North Carolina, kept house.

In June 1890, Henry L graduated from Crawfordsville High School as one of 24 graduates. He and fellow classmate Wyckliffe Smith were refused entry into the post-graduation celebrations because they were both Black.

In July 1890, Henry A made the newspaper. Henry A and William Harris met and argued at a local livery. William struck Henry A in the head with a brickbat. Henry A fled to his barbershop, grabbed a razor, and searched for William. The police intervened and arrested William.

By January 1891, Henry L found himself in the newspaper, but under entirely different circumstances. The McClures owned the Trade Palace and were quite prominent in town. During a dance held in Crawfordsville, an altercation occurred between Walter McClure and Charlie Coombs. Walter and his friends left the dance and walked down North Walnut Street. One of Walter's crew picked up a stick and pounded the fences along the way. Charlie Coombs did not appreciate the noise and shot Walter. Henry L carried Walter to the McClure home on South Water Street, where Walter died. From his jail cell, Charlie freely admitted he shot Walter.

By April 1891, Henry L and his father opened a new North Green Street barbershop. The Temperance Hotel, owned by William (Bill) Raub,

a Black resident, once stood in this area of town. The hotel was a boarding house for single, Black men. Henry L rented a room in this hotel. By July 1893, Henry L had begun an alleged affair with Bill Raub's wife. "Bill and his buxom wife have conducted the Temperance Hotel for many months and until a few weeks ago were as happy as a pair of young lovers. About this time, a shadow darkened the kitchen door during Bill's absence in the person of Henry L Brown, the colored barber, who, with charming smiles and cooing voice, attempted to commit grand larceny by the theft of Mrs. Bill's heart. He was more successful in his wooing than he had dared to hope, and soon the ebony-hued queen of the kitchen was meeting with the festive Henry clandestinely. Last week a good, kind friend informed Bill of his wife's faithlessness. Of course, the injured sharpened the big carving knife and started after the wicked lovers. Some friend of Brown's gave him a quiet tip, and Henry spent a few days hiding in the country". Henry L returned, only to again find himself in the arms of Mrs. Raub. This time, Bill grabbed his rifle, and again Henry escaped. Luckily, the Marshall brothers intercepted Bill, and no harm came to either gentleman.

In February 1894, Henry L was robbed. He was living on the second floor of the building at the corner of Pike and Washington Street and chose not to lock his home while at work. Henry's innocence

did not serve him well when he came home one Saturday night and found all his clothes were gone. He grabbed a razor and began ransacking the other apartments in his area. After some time, he learned that John Davis, a well-known Black plasterer, was the culprit. The police assisted Henry L in the recovery of his possessions without incident.

The bank foreclosed on the Raub's Temperance Hotel, then regained possession several years later. On Monday night in November 1895, "Henry Humphreys gave a banquet in honor of Misses Rose Wood and May Hogony, "new coons in town," and his best girls from abroad. The banquet occurred in Bill Raub's Temperance Hotel. The dining hall was beautifully decorated with dog fennel and cinnamon balls, which presented a charming appearance. The chief Toastmaster was Constable John Bias, who addressed the guests in his usual pleasant manner. The menu consisted of champagne, sponge soup, mother-in-law sass, and many other things". According to the article, Henry L attended the soiree.

Apparently, Henry decided it was time to leave Crawfordsville. By the 1910 census, he was living in Chicago on State Street and had married Adellie. She was born approximately 1879 in Mississippi and was a cook for a private family in the Chicago area. Henry still barbered for a living. Henry died on 30 November 1936.



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Volvo Builds A Better Turbo Wagon In The 2023 Cross Country

When I was a car-obsessed kid back in the '80s, one of my favorites was the Volvo Turbo Wagon, made iconic in an advertisement showing it sitting next to a Lamborghini Countach pulling a trailer. The comparison was apt – a superwagon with no penalties of a supercar – a very practical way to haul your stuff. That infatuation is probably why I've owned two Subaru Outbacks, the latest with turbo power. Streamline that original turbo wagon, add a bit of the Outback's off-road capability, and you have the 2023 Volvo Cross Country B5 AWD.

Gone are the razor edges of past Volvos, evolved to a streamlined version with a sweeping windshield, strong shoulderlines and bold grille with Volvo logo strewn across. "Thor's hammer" driving lights show the way. Around back, taillamps that zig into the roof identify the V60 as a Volvo. Look closer and you'll notice

Likes:

- Sumptuous interior
- Bad boy style
- Renowned safety

the Cross Country rides on 20" wheels and clears 8.1" for that crossover look and added capability even if it essentially a tall station wagon. It looks best in black!

The Swedish design ethos continues inside where perforated woodgrain graces the dash and console while soft Nappa leather caresses one's backside. Crank up the Bowers & Wilkins audio system with concert hall and jazz club modes and you will think it's worth every penny of the \$3,200 it costs. Four-zone automatic climate control, panoramic moonroof, heated/ventilated front seats, heated rear seats, heated steering wheel, and four-zone automatic climate control elevate luxury. The 9" touchscreen isn't as easy

Dislikes:

- Borderline power
- Pricy with options
- Complicated touchscreen

to navigate as before, but it is intuitive after a few minutes. Just swipe and click.

This is indeed a Volvo, which means safety rules every aspect of the wagon's engineering. Check the list for automatic emergency braking, rear cross traffic alert with auto brake, lane keep assist, and blind spot warning with steering assist. Drivers lighten their load with adaptive cruise and head-up display. If all that fails, the car's body structure is tops in protecting passengers from extreme impacts

Putting the turbo in wagon is a 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder engine producing a peppy 247 horsepower and 258 lb.-ft. of torque. Putting that in perspective, a Corvette barely matched

2023 Volvo Cross Country B5

Five-passenger, AWD Wagon
Powertrain: 2.0-liter T4, 8-spd trans
Output: 247hp/258 lb.-ft. torque
Suspension f/r: Ind/Ind (air)
Wheels f/r: 20"/20" alloy
Brakes f/r: disc/disc
Must-have features: Style, Safety
0-60 mph: 7.1s
Fuel economy: 23/30 mpg city/hwy
Assembly: Ghent, Belgium
Base/As-tested price: \$48,000/63,585

those numbers in the 1980s with a 5.7-liter V8. Power and efficiency are helped along with an 8-speed automatic transmission and 48v mild hybrid system that contributes 13 horsepower and replenishes batteries with regenerative braking. No Volvo – or Corvette – of that era felt as smooth while delivering the CC's 23/30-MPG city/highway.

Let's be clear, this turbo wagon is more about running a quick 0-60 mph in 7.1 seconds, storming onto fast freeways, or hauling down mountain

Interstates than tackling boulders, but it does have an off-road mode to configure the powertrain for light trails, deep snow, and muddy driveways. The hybrid system even makes short work of traffic-congested city avenues. With a long wheelbase and longer rear cargo area, many will find it a more practical alternative to mid-size crossovers...even if it is essentially a car with a longer roof.

Perhaps the ultimate irony is that Lamborghini now sells a crossover of its own, the Urus, with



CASEY WILLIAMS
Auto Reviews

four doors and a modicum of all-terrain capability. But, Volvo wagons are really in a class by themselves in terms of safety, performance, style, and heritage. But if you wanted to compare options, go drive the Subaru Outback XT, Mercedes-Benz E450 All-Terrain, and Audi A4 allroad quattro. Expect to pay at least \$48,000 for the V60 Cross Country or \$63,585 as-tested. Storm Forward!

Send comments to Casey at AutoCasey@aol.com; follow him on YouTube @ AutoCasey.

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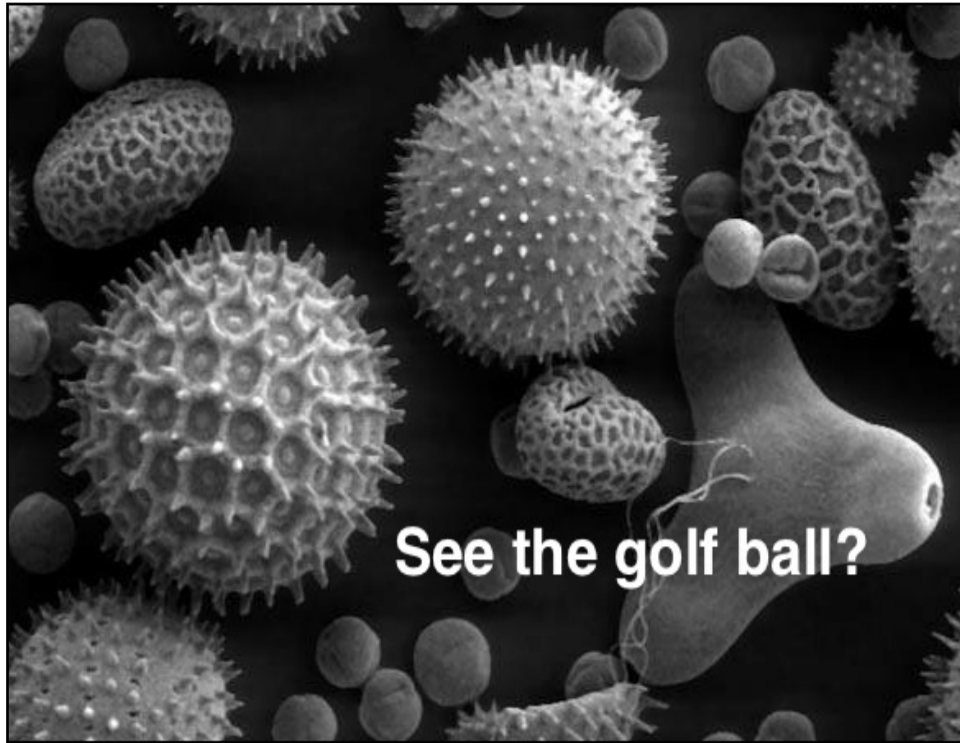
It's once again time to run my annual column on allergies. Some of our readers may already cursing the annual return of allergy symptoms. Tree pollen levels (Oak, Cedar/Juniper and Birch) in Indiana have been high recently. Spring allergy symptoms can make it even more difficult to differentiate who might have an upper respiratory infection, COVID, or just run of the mill allergy symptoms.

Seasonal allergies are a major problem for many people. When allergy sufferers are asked about their quality of life, they generally rate allergies as more bothersome than heart disease and sometimes even cancer. Many different things cause allergies; I want to focus on the seasonal type.

Seasonal allergies are caused by pollen. Pollen contains the male genetic material of plants; it is analogous to sperm in animals. The key to survival of any biologic organism is to disseminate its genetic material as far and wide as possible to mix with that of others in the species in order to improve fitness and survival. Pollen accomplishes this task in exquisite fashion.

There are two main categories of pollen – anemophilous (wind-loving) and entomophilous (insect-loving). Anemophilous pollen is very lightweight, allowing it to move great distances, particularly on windy days. Anemophilous pollen is produced by trees, grasses, and weeds. Golf ball engineers have used biomimicry of pollen grains to design the dimples on the balls to allow them to fly farther.

Entomophilous pollen is produced primarily in plants that bear flowers. It



is much heavier and stickier, allowing it to be picked up and spread by insects such as bees. The loss of pollinating insects due to things like insecticide use and climate change is a real threat to these types of plants. Entomophilous pollens are much less likely to cause allergies since they are not typically inhaled or blown into noses by the wind.

Plants produce and release pollen at various times of the year, hence the "seasonal" nature of allergies. Trees in Indiana start pollinating in late February and usually end sometime in May. Each species of tree pollinates for around one to two weeks.

Grasses start pollinating in April and continue through May. Hoosiers then get a little break until about mid-August when ragweed starts up and continues until sometime in October. The allergy season has become longer over the past two decades, starting two to three weeks earlier and lasting two to three weeks longer. This is most likely due to warming from climate change.

Pollen grains contain proteins on their surfaces that bind to the tissues on the inside of the nose. In order to develop allergies, a person's immune system must be genetically programmed to recognize these proteins as foreign invaders. This is the case in about 40 percent of people.

A person's immune sys-

tem reacts to these proteins by creating a specific class of antibodies called immunoglobulin E (IgE). It can take from two to ten years of exposure to an allergen to develop IgE in sufficient quantities to cause allergy

problems. This is why many people suddenly develop an allergy to a family pet after they have had it for a few years.

When IgE against a particular allergen is produced, it attaches to the surface of specialized mast cells where it sits, waiting to do its job. When pollen finds its way to a mast cell coated with IgE programmed to react to it, it binds to the IgE and causes the cell to release various substances that cause allergy symptoms.

One of the most common molecules released by mast cells is histamine. It causes the typical nasal symptoms of congestion and watery discharge as well as red, itchy, watery eyes, and perhaps wheezing. These physical effects are all designed to do one thing – cough, sneeze, or flood the allergen out of the body.

Diagnosing pollen allergies is fairly straightforward. The offending agent can often be determined based on the time of year a person develops symptoms. Sometimes an allergist is required to do skin or blood tests to identify the specific offender(s).

There are numerous treatments for allergies. Avoidance is the most

important prevention strategy – stay indoors when possible, particularly on windy days, and run the air conditioning instead of opening windows. Saline (salt water) rinses can be very effective at rinsing pollen out of the nose.

This can be done using commercial products such as a Neti Pot or squeeze bottle such as Sinus Rinse[®] manufactured by NeilMed.

Antihistamines are also a mainstay of treatment. These medications block the release of histamine by mast cells. There are numerous antihistamines available both off the shelf and by prescription. Older antihistamines like Benadryl[®] (diphenhydramine) often cause drowsiness, but are very effective. Newer medications like Claritin[®] (loratadine), Allegra[®] (fexofenadine), Zyrtec[®] (cetirizine) and XYZAL[®] (levocetirizine) are generally less sedating but tend to be a bit more expensive.

Other treatments are also available such as nasal steroid sprays like Flonase[®] (fluticasone) as well as sprays that stabilize mast cells from bursting and releasing histamine. Severe allergy sufferers, or those who fail other therapies, may need to move on to allergy injections under the skin or drops under the tongue to reduce the severity of allergy symptoms.

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Fun Ways To Foster A Love Of Music At An Early Age

(StatePoint) It's never too early to encourage children to love to make and appreciate music. Here's how:

- **Attend a Concert:** Whether you're attending a symphony or a rock concert, there is no substitute for the excitement of a live musical performance. Not only will kids enjoy watching the show, the experience may inspire them to learn to dance or play an instrument themselves. To get started, look for events geared towards kids and families, or those with relaxed vibes,

- **Play With Musical Toys:** Toys are a fun and interactive way to encourage musical creativity and help kids find the beat. One of the coolest musical toys out there, a 2022 Toy of the Year finalist, is DJ Beat Boxer from VTech. Each interaction with this music-mixing pup -- from scratching DJ's head and booping her nose to pushing the buttons on her headphones -- adds layers to the music. Kids can start a rhythm and add in backbeats, harmonies, record-scratching

sounds, an air horn effect and more to complete any remix. They can even press DJ's ear to record a quick phrase to drop into their song. Her head will nod along to the music while her jowls flap to the beat.

- **Get Immersed:** Hit up the library and check out picture books that build music vocabulary or feature musical characters. Look for movies and television shows with musical themes. There are many entertaining ways to immerse kids into the world of music.

- **Create a Playlist:** Give kids the tools they need to develop their own music tastes and interests. Many streaming services now offer special apps for kids that allow them to explore genres, musicians and songs all on their own. This is a safe and easy way to ensure little ones have access to kid-friendly content, along with the freedom to create their own library and playlists. Of course, a good pair of headphones that are safe for young, sensitive ears is also essential!

From playlists to playtime, you can help foster a child's lifelong love and appreciation for music.

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