

TODAY'S VERSE

Acts 2:38 Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Meet Cindy



Cindy (4 yrs - intake 3/18/24) has some hip mobility issues, but still cruises on walks and loves to roll in grass. Cindy has a SUPERSTAR PERSONALITY and is a staff favorite. Cindy will be jumping for joy doing booty shakes with her orange harness on ready to go!

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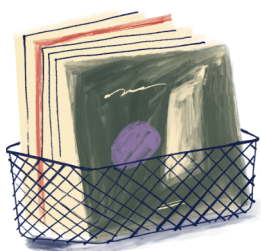
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By The Numbers, a look at what's in the news . . . by the numbers. These are just numbers, not suggestions that they mean more or less than what they are. We do not suggest that one number is connected to another. These are simply facts with no extraneous 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!

Hey Boomers - we grew up with them, spent hours upon hours with them and yet today, they aren't around so much. What are we talking about - records, albums, the music of our time. And today is National Vinyl Records Day. To celebrate those wonderful memories of the past, we fondly take a look at the vinyl record, then and now, by the numbers.

12 — 10 — 7

The inches vinyl records came in. OK, most of us Boomers don't have much history with the 10-inch variety. That was pretty much the standard for our grandparents. But we sure spent hours and hours listening to the 12-inch albums and the 7-inch singles - and the famous A and B sides.



45 — 33 1/3 — 78

This was the speed of the records, or better said, the revolutions per minute - hence the RPM. Albums were (and still are) played at 33 and a third RPM, singles were played at 45 and the old-time 10-inch albums sped past at 78 RPM.



23,000,000

That's the number of vinyl records sold in the U.S. in 2020. It was the 14th straight year of increased sales. The industry hit the bottom around 2005-06 when it only sold around a million.

1950s to 1980s

The heyday of record sales before 8-track tapes, cassettes and then CDs took over.

\$500 to \$3,000

Collectible vinyl is a real thing. Take a look at those stacks you might have in a box somewhere and see if you might have a hidden gem. What determines the value? Well, a lot of factors. But primarily the big things are the artist, how rare the vinyl is, how old it is (although older may not necessarily mean more value) and condition (not just of the vinyl, but the cover also). Be aware, rock and jazz vinyl from the '60s are the most valuable. And \$3,000 (and up) are not common.

Top 10

It's interesting, the 10 biggest selling albums of all time came in a 15-year period from 1967 to 1982. Those 10 (in order) are: Sgt. Pepper from the Beatles, Thriller from Michael Jackson, Rumours from Fleetwood Mac, Dark Side of the Moon from Pink Floyd, the White Album from the Beatles, Back in Black from AC/DC, Hotel California from the Eagles, Led Zeppelin IV, Billy Joel Greatest Hits I and II and Abbey Road from the Beatles. We'll bet reading that list brought back some memories!

Butch's Happy Memories... From Being Sick !!



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

All of us like to think back to those carefree days of our childhood. We usually dwell on the fun times that we had with family and friends and classmates. It is very common to forget the sad or unhappy times. Our brains tend to shut out those memories.

I know it may sound strange to say this, but some of my fondest memories of childhood were the times when I was sick or injured...those times when my parents took care of me and tried to make me feel better. Like most families, my folks very seldom took us to a doctor unless it was an emergency. They had their own cures and remedies passed down to them through the years, most of which worked just fine. This included "comfort food" which might not cure the ailment, but always made us feel better. Whenever I had a severe cold, Mom stirred up a batch of chicken noodle soup. For coughs, I was given a spoonful or two of honey. For stomach aches, she fixed me a bowl of rice, or graham crackers, or white toast with a dab of jelly. And for a sore throat, I gargled salt water and was then rewarded with a popsicle...and maybe even two if I could put on a good act! Other comfort foods included ice cream, 7-Up, Jell-O, hot cocoa or Ovaltine, Cream of Wheat topped with brown sugar, poached eggs . . . and sometimes anything I wanted!!!

For some reason I suffered from many headaches as a child. This continued into adulthood when I experienced severe migraines. Mom's cure was to give me two aspirin and a glass of cold glass of water, then apply an ice bag to my forehead, turn on the fan and let me watch my favorite TV program. In a short time, the headache disappeared. I still have this routine today, except I go into a dark room and need peace and quiet. I also suffered from terrible leg aches as a child, likely from being on the go all day long. This called for Dad to get out the rubbing alcohol and

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Catch your kids being good and praise them.

Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com



TODAY'S QUOTE

"A good plan violently executed now is better than a perfect plan executed next week."
Gen. George Patton

TODAY'S JOKE

Little Johnny came home and proudly told his mom he got 100 in school today!
She beamed. "That's great, sweetheart! What class."
"Two," he said. "I got a 65 in English and a 35 in math."

THREE THINGS

You Should Know

- More cone zone news. Travelers heading north probably ought to avoid U.S. 52 in Tippecanoe County. Our friends at INDOT tell us that the left lanes of U.S. 52 just southeast of Lafayette are closed temporarily. Crews will be in the area installing turn lanes between now and early November, depending on weather.
- Fort Wayne resident Kyle Hammond caught a 9-pound, 11-ounce spotted gar on Rivir Lake in Chain O'Lakes State Park on July 11, besting the previous Indiana state record of a 6-pound, 12.5-ounce fish caught in 2017 from a gravel pit in Vermillion County. The Hoosier angler captured the entire catch on video as part of his hobby of actively posting his fishing trips on his YouTube channel, Indiana Kayak Fishing Journal.
- Here's a question for you: what can you do with your eyes? As one dictionary puts it, they can "work with our brains to tell us the size, shape, color, and texture of an object." But strongman Andrew Stanton uses his "headlights" for a couple of eye-popping tricks. He won two Guinness World Records recently: one for hooking large metal hooks to his eye sockets to pull a car weighing more than 5,000 pounds and another for using the same eye socket hooks to lift his 129.63-pound assistant while at the same time swallowing a sword.

MONTGOMERY MINUTE

The 135th monthly community forum is scheduled for Tuesday beginning at 4 p.m. at his office, 300 E. Pike St. Other than a brief period during the pandemic, Barton has held these open community meetings every month. Some have been held at City Hall, but most have been around and about town. If you have something you want to talk to the mayor about, Tuesday is your chance.



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Legislators: Students With Disabilities Have Help

Montgomery County lawmakers are encouraging families with students who have disabilities to apply for Indiana's Education Scholarship Account before the Sept. 1 deadline.



Rep. Sharon Negele



Rep. Jeff Thompson



Rep. Mark Genda



Rep. Beau Baird

State Rep. Beau Baird (R-Greencastle) said the program provides monetary scholarships to students with disabilities that can be used toward educational resources to best meet their learning needs. Funds can be used for pre-approved educational programs, therapies, services, tuition and fees at private schools, curricular materials, and other expenses related to the student's education.

"Offering tailored educational options is vital for students with disabilities," Baird said. "These scholarships empower parents to choose the resources and support systems that best meet their child's specific learning needs."

State Rep. Mark Genda (R-Frankfort) said

scholarships are available to students between the ages of 5 and 22 who reside in Indiana, require special education services and meet certain financial requirements.

"Some students have disabilities that require additional help with school like tutoring or supplemental materials," Genda said. "Education Scholarship Accounts can help cover the expenses, so they can stay on track academically."

According to State Rep. Sharon Negele (R-Attica), scholarship funds are not considered income and do not impact any other financial aid like Medicaid that students may already receive.

"Children do not all

learn at the same pace and for a child with disabilities, it can be hard to find resources and opportunities to supplement their education," Negele said. "With Education Scholarship Accounts, parents can cover expenses such as therapies, tutors and additional materials to set their students up for success."

State Rep. Jeff Thompson (R-Lizton) said during the 2024 legislative session, lawmakers supported expanding ESAs to the siblings of students who have disabilities, even if those siblings do not have a disability. Students without a disability requiring special education

services can receive state tuition support up to \$8,000, and students who require special education services support can receive up to \$20,000.

"This change empowers Hoosier parents to find the best educational options for their children," Thompson said. "These scholarships give families more choices to use on the programs and services that can improve their student's education."

Applications for eligible students are available until Sept. 1. For more information, including a list of providers and qualified schools, and to apply, visit in.gov/tos/inesa.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reader Asks Americans to Understand Voting Act

Dear Editor,

Voting is our safeguard of democracy.

Please read and understand H.R. 8281 - Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act (SAVE Act), and let your congressmen know your opinion. This bill requires individuals to provide documentary proof of U.S. citizenship in order to register to vote in federal elections. Specifically, the bill prohibits states from accepting and processing an application to register to vote in a federal election unless the applicant presents documentary proof of

U.S. citizenship.

Further, the bill (1) prohibits states from registering an individual to vote in a federal election unless, at the time the individual applies to register to vote, the individual provides documentary proof of U.S. citizenship; and (2) requires states to establish an alternative process under which an applicant may submit other evidence to demonstrate U.S. citizenship.

Each state must take affirmative steps on an ongoing basis to ensure that only U.S. citizens are registered to vote, which shall include establishing a

program to identify individuals who are not U.S. citizens using information supplied by specified sources.

Additionally, the bill requires states to remove noncitizens from their official lists of eligible voters.

The bill allows for a private right of action against an election official who registers an applicant to vote in a federal election who fails to present documentary proof of U.S. citizenship.

The bill also establishes criminal penalties for

registering an applicant to vote in a federal election who fails to present documentary proof of U.S. citizenship.

The Election Assistance Commission must, within 10 days, adopt and transmit guidance for implementing the bill's requirements to chief state election officials.

You may follow the bill's progress at this U.S. Government website: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/8281>

Mark Allen
Crawfordsville

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do You Recognize This 1988 Southmont Grad?

HINT:
Her father was a long-time teacher at Southmont, and she became a department store manager.

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Heck of a Fine Job



CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

It is construction season.

The building we live in is 40 years old, and it was recently discovered that water was finding its way behind the brick. This requires some very loud repairs that are not expected to be finished until fall.

Usually, I am just finding my way to the coffeepot around 8:30. But now there are men standing on scaffolds, jackhammering bricks at 8 a.m., right outside my window. If I open the drapes, I can see their boots.

There is no one to blame. The men doing the work (and they all seem to be men) are very considerate. They are just loud—very loud—and they work from Monday through Friday.

Probably because of this construction, I'm noticing it more in my neighborhood. There is a house nearby whose steps have looked terrible for a long time. The residents were using a side door to get in. But an energetic man with a cigarette permanently positioned on his lower lip is now fixing those steps in record time. Under the crumbling concrete, he told me, were bricks much older than the house itself.

"How old?" I asked.

He had no idea. But they had been scavenged from a building long gone before the house was built in 1850. I thought that was remarkable.

"I hope you find some gold coins buried in there!" I told him. He did not seem hopeful.

Another set of stairs was being fixed by the city crew and, while they were not working as quickly as the gentleman with the cigarette, they were doing a fine job.

"We're keeping all the original stone," a fellow, who was acting like the foreman, said. "So we have to replace the whole foundation beneath it."

These steps were also well over 100 years old, and the original stone consisted of very large blocks of sandstone, which took at least two men to lift.

"That's a complicated job!" I told them.

"It is. That's why they don't let Brad come out here and do it himself!" the foreman said. Brad (I have to assume it was Brad) ducked his head.

"Do you deserve this, Brad?" I asked.

"Oh, he does!" the foreman answered before Brad had a chance to. Brad looked as if he was used to this.

I walked down the same street yesterday. The steps in front of the 1850s house were almost finished. It was threatening rain, and the man with the cigarette was working to get the last of the cement work done.

"Great job!" I hollered.

He looked at the sky. "Gotta get it done quick!"

The city guys had also almost finished. "It looks terrific!" I said.

The foreman was nowhere to be seen. There was just Brad (I assume it was Brad), looking rather pleased to be getting the credit.

"You used all the old stone?" I asked Brad.

"Yes. It will make it more..." Brad searched for the word, "historical!"

"Can I take your picture?" Brad looked embarrassed and asked another man holding a shovel (who was also not the foreman) if this was OK.

"Sure!" said the man with the shovel.

So I took Brad's picture with the nearly finished stairs.

"Thank you!"

It's construction season. And, while it's easy to get annoyed by the noise and the detours and the mess, it's good for me to remember that all this work is being done by people who have jobs to do. And, by and large, I think they do a heck of a fine job. Especially Brad.

Till next time,
Carrie

Being a Cheeze Whiz



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

I'm always nervous about traveling overseas because I am afraid I will miss

something important here in the United States. For example, we will be gone during part of February next year. Mary Ellen could not have picked a worse month to be away. With a simple Google search, I realized I would miss many exciting celebrations.

To name just a few: National Chocolate Month, National Pie Month, National Dental Health Month, National Age-related Macular Degeneration Month, Spay/Neuter Awareness Month, International Brownie Camera Day, National Goat Yoga Month, Spunky Old Broads Month, and finally, National Creative Romance Month, and Adopt a Rescued Rabbit Month.

Our family is headed for a vacation next week, but I just realized that August is National Goat Cheese Month. How time flies. It seems like just yesterday, I was celebrating this holiday with some of my closest friends, going to wine and cheese parties, and getting high on cholesterol. Has it really been a year?

I sometimes wonder how goat cheese got an entire month. I don't want to insult goat cheese lovers (or goats, for that matter), but I don't think goat cheese deserves four weeks.

I figure with a good party planner and some forethought, you could celebrate everything about goat cheese in a day—maybe in two hours. But "National Goat Cheese Two Hours" just doesn't have the same ring to it.

You probably just said to your spouse, "Where is Wolfsie going with this goat cheese thing? He can't write an entire column about goat cheese."

And the response you got: "You're selling the guy short, sweetheart. I've seen him write about way

dumber things."

Of course, I can do it. And I'm not going to take the easy way out by bringing in National Peanut Butter Month, which started slowly but spread over the years. And I won't mention National Kite Month, which had trouble getting off the ground. Enough said!

No, this is about National Goat Cheese Month. And I'm sticking to it. (That line would have been better during National Peanut Butter Month.)

Okay, you ask, so how did goat cheese get an entire month? Is there a goat cheese lobby? What would that smell like? I have a sneaking suspicion that while we're all out whooping it up for goat cheese, the American Dental Association is celebrating its month. I think it's also National Mandolin Month. And National Osteoporosis Month. How can you expect people to focus when there are so many distractions?

Now that I know it's National Goat Cheese Month, I don't want to fritter it away (I'd do that during National Apple Month). I mean, how many Augusts do I have left? My wife and I are planning to celebrate by going out for dinner. Chuck E. Cheese is nearby. That's the closest we can come to an appropriate cheesy meal.

After dinner we'll...or maybe we'll go down to... how about a nice evening of....See what I mean? You can't even fill two hours celebrating Goat Cheese Month. Why didn't they partner with National Goat Yoga Month?

I wrote 540 words about goat cheese, which is the minimum I'm required to turn in for my column.

Five hundred and forty.

Exactly.

— Dick Wolfsie spent his career sharing his humor, stories and video essays on television, radio and in newspapers. His columns appear weekly in *The Paper of Montgomery County*. E-mail Dick at Wolfsie@aol.com.

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↓ BUTCH

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Omega oil liniment and massage these into my aching leg muscles. Dad did that hundreds of times until I reached my teenage years.

For minor cuts and scrapes, Mom washed off the injured area with soap and water, and then grabbed the Mercurochrome from the medicine cabinet...and yes, it stung...but I was then provided with cookies and milk to help forget the pain. On bee stings, baking soda and a kiss worked well. When I caused my brother Gary to wreck his bike into a barbed wire fence, which inflicted three large gashes across his abdomen, Dad carried him to the back porch. I helped hold him down as Dad administered several applications of turpentine to the cuts. I can still hear Gary screaming from that episode! Of course, Mom likely comforted him by giving him some goodies and turning on the Roy

Rogers TV show.

I guess during those times, I felt a little special while receiving all of that attention. Mom or Dad would cover me up, fluff up my pillow, and tuck me in at bedtime and I would feel loved. When I was very young, they would read to me my favorite story, "Teddy Bear of Bumpkin Hollow." And I always said my nighttime prayer..."Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep; If I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take. Amen."

But I knew nothing bad would happen as I slept. Mom and Dad would protect and take good care of me.

John "Butch" Dale is a retired teacher and County Sheriff. He has also been the librarian at Darlington the past 35 years, and is a well-known artist and author of local history.

Final Time to Apply for Foundation Grants Open

The Montgomery County Community Foundation has opened the second and final competitive grant cycle for this year.

The process is open to local nonprofit (IRS designation 501 (c) 3) organizations. Local governmental entities such as schools and parks may be considered when the request is for charitable purposes. The grants are made possible through the many unrestricted and field of interest funds donors have entrusted to MCCF to manage.

The complete listing of eligibility factors and guidelines is posted at www.mccf-in.org/grants. There is also an outline of the process, instructions and a link to the application.

Applications for the fall cycle are due by 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 7. Those interested in applying should schedule a meeting with Grants & Community Relations Director, Cheryl Keim to discuss the anticipated proposal by calling (765) 362-1267 or via email, cheryl@mccf-in.org. Cheryl also holds "drop-in" office hours each Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. and each Thursday from 9-11 a.m. through Oct. 3. No appointment is needed during these times.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2024-7

Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of the Town of New Richmond, Montgomery County, Indiana that the proper legal officers will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year at their regular meeting place at: New Richmond Fire Station, 215 South Prairie Street, at 6:00 p.m. on the 4th of September 2024.

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. You can also send your comments in a written statement to: Town of New Richmond, PO Box 210, New Richmond, IN 47967 or drop it off at the New Richmond Town Hall drop box at: 110 S. Wabash St., New Richmond, IN.

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Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia

Answer:
Kerri (Hess) McClaskey



Montgomery Medicine: Bursitis



JOHN R. ROBERTS, M.D.
Montgomery Medicine

The joy of summer sports and activities has resulted in many complaints of sore shoulders, elbows, hips, and knees. Most of these folks are suffering from bursitis. Most of you have probably heard the term but what is it exactly?

Any time a medical term ends in the suffix “-itis” it indicates inflammation of the tissue or organ involved. In this case, bursitis is inflammation of a bursa sac around a joint (pleural bursae or bursas). Bursa is Latin for purse, a very good descriptor of what these structures look like – small sacs made of connective tissue.

A bursa is lined by a specialized membrane that secretes fluid into the sac. This turns the bursa in to a little pillow filled with the slippery liquid that helps cushion structures around it while allowing them to glide more easily over each other. You can demonstrate this by making your own model of a bursa. Put a little water in a small balloon, tie it off, and put an object like a book on top of it and roll it around on the table to get an idea of how bursas work.

Our bodies contain many bursas. The ones that cause the most problems are found around the shoulders, elbows, hips, and knees. These joints are fairly complex and have many bones, tendons, and ligaments that intersect and move against each other. Without the aid of bursas these structures would rub together and cause a lot of pain as well as wear and tear.

All cases of bursitis have a common presentation. There is pain and tenderness around the involved joint, particularly with movement and often associated swelling. There can be superficial redness and warmth as well. These are the four classic signs of inflammation: redness and swelling with warmth and pain.

The most common cause of bursitis is repetitive motion of a joint, especially in people who overdo things. Shoulder bursitis usually follows too much throwing (common in weekend warriors), pulling or pushing (yard work), or overhead activity such as painting a wall in an up-and-down or side-to-side motion using a roller or brush. The subacromial bursa is the one most commonly involved in the shoulder. It is found just under the outside end of the clavicle

(collarbone).

The olecranon bursa in the elbow is also a common location for bursitis. You may have seen someone with swelling over the pointy part of the elbow. The point is formed by a protrusion of the ulna bone called the olecranon that has a bursa over it for the arm tendons to slide over. Olecranon bursitis is usually the result of trauma from resting or rubbing the elbow on something or banging the elbow into things. Basketball players posting up in the paint are frequently diagnosed with olecranon bursitis from constantly elbowing their opponents.

Bursitis of the hip is not as common as bursitis of the shoulder or elbow. It is four times more common in women and can occur at any age. It is usually associated with direct trauma such as a fall and is also common in runners. The bursa involved is called the greater trochanteric bursa and is located over the outside of the upper thigh where a protrusion of bone (the greater trochanter) can be felt. Often these patients describe pain up and down the outside of the thigh and increased pain when lying on the affected side.

The bursa most commonly involved in the knee is the pre-patellar bursa that is positioned between the kneecap (patella) and the skin of the knee. Pre-patellar bursitis results in swelling over or above the kneecap and pain with bending the knee. Since the knee is subject to skin abrasions and the bursa lies directly under the skin, it can also become infected.

Pre-patellar bursitis is usually caused by direct trauma and is often seen in those who kneel frequently. It has the nickname “housemaid’s knee,” for it was frequently seen in women who used to crawl on their knees while scrubbing floors. Carpet layers are also frequent sufferers.

Treatment for all types of bursitis includes resting, icing, and anti-inflammatory medication. Occasionally the fluid has to be drained and the bursa may need to be injected with steroid medication to reduce the inflammation. Antibiotics are prescribed for infection. Occasionally surgery is required to clean out, or even remove the involved bursa.

– Dr. John Roberts is a retired member of the Franciscan Physician Network specializing in Family Medicine.

F.C. Tucker Honors Top Two Agents

F.C. Tucker West Central announced their leader in sales for the month of June - Casey Hockersmith and John Downey.

"Casey and John have demonstrated extraordinary dedication and professionalism, making significant contributions to our team and their clients," said Chad Hess, Broker/Owner of F.C. Tucker West Central. "Their achievements reflect the high standards we uphold at F.C. Tucker West Central, and we are excited to celebrate their successes."

Hockersmith, a dedicated real estate professional, has been named the Listing Leader for June 2024. She has demonstrated exceptional dedication and expertise in the real estate industry. She is a 2008 graduate of Southmont High School and a 2011 graduate of Indiana University, where she earned her

bachelor's degree in Sport Marketing and Management. Before embarking on her real estate career, Casey gained valuable experience working for the Men's Basketball program at Indiana University, the Career Services office at Wabash College, and serving as Assistant Director for the Crawfordsville | Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce. She is married to Zach and they have two boys, Hudson and Camden, along with an Australian Shepherd named Remy. Her diverse background and dedication to her community make her a standout real estate professional.

Downey has been named the Sales Leader for June 2024, having sold six properties. His dedication to his clients and exceptional sales skills have set him apart in the competitive real estate market. He is a lifelong resident of Montgomery County.



John Downey


He has been married to his wife Thoma for 25 years, and they have three children, Jarett, Clayton, and Gavin. He received his bachelor's degree from Wabash College in 1989 and an MBA from Indiana Wesleyan in 1999. Downey has worked in real estate as an appraiser in Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Fountain, and Warren counties since 2006. He joined F.C. Tucker in 2016, specializing in residential listings and sales in West Central Indiana. In 2023, he closed on 40 transactions totaling



Casey Hockersmith

just over \$9 million in sales volume. He is a two-time F.C. Tucker President's Club member, the 2020 Montgomery County MIBOR Realtor of the Year, and former chair of the local MIBOR division. He brings years of experience in real estate, excellent customer service, and a commitment to work hard, listen, and follow through. He provides quality service to build relationships with clients and, more importantly, maintain those relationships by communicating effectively.

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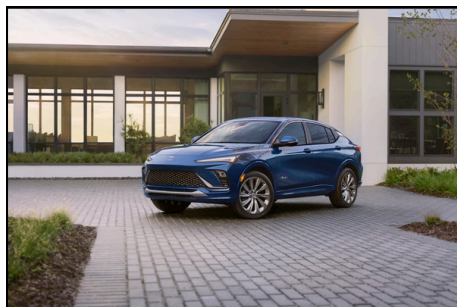


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2024 Buick Envista Crossover Coupe is Stunningly Gorgeous for a Disgustingly Affordable Price



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It's a crossover world in which the beautiful among us trade wagon backs for fastbacks and an athletic stance. These "crossover coupes" stand high and proud like their traditional brethren, but have an air of exclusivity. Of course, they usually wear luxury brands like Audi, Infiniti and Mercedes-Benz with prices to match. Unless..., we're talking about the 2024 Buick Envista that's not only the most beautiful Buick, but also the most affordable – even in our top Avenir luxury trim.

With my hand over the badge, you'd never guess it's a Buick. Front styling is lifted straight from the recent Wildcat EV concept's wide front grille, LED headlamps, and angry driving lamps above. Avenir trim adds nickel finishes and 19" wheels. Seeing it from the side, it's vision of beauty as the roofline sweeps down the liftgate to a subtle spoiler and thin wrap-around taillamps. Sculptural body forms lend sophistication. Check the textured chrome

inserts on the rear sail panels and reinterpreted tri-shield logos on both ends.

Attention to small details carries to the interior as designers will likely receive awards for what they created. The twin-screen dash is a work of art, as are the textured stitched dash coverings, seats with contrasting piping, aluminum look around the gear selector, heated flat-bottom steering wheel and nickel trim. I can imagine a couture seamstress stitching the seat backrests. Heated front seats are faux leather, and there's a lot of plastic too, but it is all beautifully executed and easy to clean.

Icons on the touchscreen are easy to understand and control devices wirelessly connected through Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. Charge wirelessly in the console. The automatic climate control is single zone, but kept the car ice cold in 90-degree heat. Remote starting and rain-sensing wipers add convenience. Safety is amped by adaptive cruise, automatic emergency braking, lane keep assist, and rear

cross traffic alert.

But, it's also very practical for passengers and cargo. After adjusting the driver's seat, I slid into the rear seat behind. I'd gladly ride cross-country back there – plenty of legroom, perfect armrest, and USB ports for charging. Power open the rear hatch and flip down the rear seats for a cavern of space. It's a sporty compact car, but practical enough for an actual family.

Let's get on the road. You wouldn't think a 1.2-liter turbocharged three-cylinder engine would elicit excitement, but it produces a healthy 137 horsepower and 162 lb.-ft. of torque – routed to the front wheels through a six-speed automatic transmission. The six-speed transmission is good enough, but adding GM's 9-speed transmission would maximize power fuel economy. All-wheel-drive is not available, but fuel economy rates a frugal 28/32-MPG city/highway.

I recently drove a similar Buick Encore with the same engine from Indianapolis to Memphis

and back, high-tailing it through Kentucky and Tennessee hills – nearly a thousand miles round-trip. Even sweeping through rising hills, it rarely feels underpowered. Turbo torque carries it through. Our Envista skips an independent rear suspension, but it was firm and composed even over rough city pavement. On the highway, it rode as comfortably as an Audi while active noise cancellation kept it quiet.

Nearly 70% of Buick sales last year came from new customers while the brand maintains strong loyalty. It shouldn't surprise anybody as offering refined style and luxury car attributes at disgustingly affordable prices has long been Buick tradition. The stunningly gorgeous Envista Avenir does it all so well. Base models start at just \$22,400, rising only to \$30,490 all-in, making it tough competition for the Hyundai Kona, Nissan Kicks, Honda HR-V, Mazda CX-30 and similar Chevy Trax.

Timewarp Rewind – Buick "Deuce and a Quarter"

An ad for the 1972 Buick Centurian billed it as "The personal car for the family man", which could also describe the Envista. Those classic Buicks laid pavement for a rising global brand producing beautiful and affordable automobiles. One of the most famous was the

Electra 225, on which the Centurian was based, that was introduced in 1959 and named for its 225-in. length. It became known as the "Deuce and a Quarter."

The Deuce was one ginormous automobile. My high school Biology teacher had one in fading gold with gold brocade seats that was well past its expiration date, but continued to run without complaint. Six passengers had no problem fitting into the interior, which was encompassed by a body shell as large as a small boat. Early models came with a 401-cu. in. V8 connected to a 2-speed Dynaflo automatic transmission. Three-speed automatics came by the mid-60s while engines grew to 455 cu. in.

Models built from 1971-1976 were very close cousins to the Cadillac DeVille. Electras dropped the 225 moniker when the fifth-generation arrived with slimmer forms in 1977. Electras were downsized again in 1985 to GM's new front-drive luxury platform that also supported the Oldsmobile 98 and Cadillac DeVille. After 1990, Electras became Park Avenues, eventually evolving into the Lucerne and Lacrosse. By the time Electra slipped into history, children and grandchildren of original Deuce owners were behind the wheels of Toyotas, Hondas, and Hyundais.

Wouldn't it be 2 pc. and a biscuit if Buick built an Enclave 225 just to get its groove on? OK, maybe not, but it is far out to remember this shag carpet icon of Buick's past that has influence well into the future. Such a car shall never glide this way again.

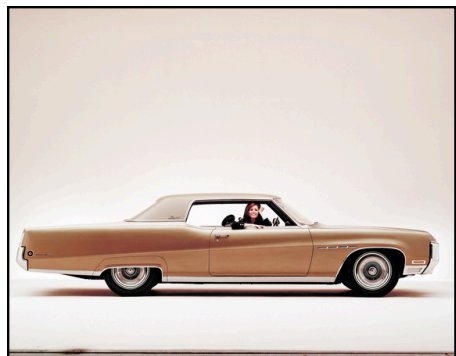
As Prince sang in his song Deuce a Quarter, "In my deuce and a quarter feelin' funky finer...Convertible top down so I can see the honeys passin' me by."

Storm Forward!

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

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| <p>Likes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suave styling • Artful interior • Turbo engine <p>Dislikes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6-speed transmission • No AWD • Single-zone climate |
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<p>2024 Buick Envista Avenir Five-passenger, FWD Crossover Powertrain: 1.2-liter T3, 6-spd trans Output: 137hp/162 lb.-ft. torque Suspension f/r: Ind/Watts link Wheels f/r: 19"/19" alloy Brakes f/r: disc/disc Fuel economy: 28/32 mpg city/hwy Assembly: Bupyeong, Korea Base/As-tested price: \$22,400/30,490</p>
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Electra 225 "Deuce and a Quarter"

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Franciscan Offers Diabetes Prevention Program

Franciscan Health Lafayette and Crawfordsville are offering patients with prediabetes the opportunity to help prevent or delay type 2 diabetes with a year-long Diabetes Prevention Program, which begins Wednesday, Sept. 4.

Franciscan Health's Diabetes Prevention Program follows guidelines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that have been proven to prevent or delay type 2 diabetes.

Diabetes is one of the top 10 leading causes of death in the U.S., impacting more than 37 million American adults. Few realize type 2 diabetes can be prevented or delayed with lifestyle changes, like those implemented through the Franciscan Health Diabetes Prevention Program.

Dawn Lowry of West Lafayette saw the program advertised and thought she would try it. Since joining the program, she has lost 40 pounds, lowered her A1C and increased her exercise activity.

"What works for me best is the weekly meeting," Lowry said. "Having to answer for what we've been doing and the group atmosphere."

Lowry also notes that the instructor keeps things entertaining in the group sessions, including showing videos and playing games.

"She keeps the enthusiasm up, and it is not just talk, talk, talk,"

Lowry said. "It is a real positive experience, and I'm happy with the results."

Groups meet weekly for a total of 16 sessions,

prior to six monthly follow-up sessions with a trained lifestyle coach. Throughout the course of the program, participants work with a certified healthy lifestyle coach who guides them in practices to help build energy and confidence, lose weight naturally and reduce stress and anxiety.

The program is only open to participants ages 18 and older who have been diagnosed with prediabetes, not those who have previously been diagnosed with type 1 or type 2 diabetes. They must also have a body mass index greater than 25. Those who had a previous diagnosis of gestational diabetes or a screening result indicating a high risk of type 2 diabetes are also eligible to participate.

The year-long program costs \$99 and covered for approved Medicare beneficiaries. The program is free for Franciscan employees.

The first session for the Crawfordsville program is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Sept. 4, at the Sugar Creek Medical Center, located at 1704 Lafayette Road, Suite 4. Sessions will continue on Wednesdays for 15 weeks thereafter at the same time and location. (The first session for the Lafayette program is scheduled at the same time at the Franciscan Healthy Living Center (lower level), at 1116 North 16th St. in Lafayette. Sessions will continue on Wednesdays for 15 weeks thereafter at the same time and location.)

Registration is required and space is limited. For more information or to register for the program, email HealthyLiving@FranciscanAlliance.org or call (844) 441-6609.



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