

TODAY'S VERSE

Job 27:6 My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live.

Meet Cindy



Cindy is a female American Pit Bull Terrier mix that has been at AWL since 3/18/24. Cindy is a total ham for pics and LOVES to be showered with love and attention! Cindy is friendly, cuddly, and super cute! Cindy enjoys going out for walks, playing fetch, and will gladly sit for treats. Cindy is all kinds of special and looking for her best friend. Could that be you? Cindy is available for adoption, to foster, or just simply going out for walks. If interested in fostering/adopting Cindy (even short term to give her a vacation), please call the shelter 765-362-8846. AWL is open Monday-Friday from 12:15p-5p and Saturday's from 9:30a-3p. Come snuggle cats in a community cat room, walk dogs, or lend a helping hand!

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Today is Oct. 7, one year exactly from the day Oct. 7, 2023 Hamas terrorist attack on Israel. This was the first invasion of Israeli territory since the 1948 Arab-Israeli War. It also occurred during the Jewish religious holiday Simchat Torah. With tensions escalating still, here is a quick look at that fateful day.

1,180

The number of people killed by the invaders. That included 797 civilians, including 36 children and 379 security workers.



251

That's how many civilians and soldiers were taken captive and held in Gaza.

3,400

The number of people on the Israeli side who were wounded. That includes civilians and soldiers.



6,000

The Israeli Defense Force reports that 6,000 Gazans crossed the border and came into Israel. That number included 3,800 special forces and 2,200 others.



4,300

The barrage of rockets that were launched at Israel the morning of Oct. 7.

21

The communities, kibbutzes and military bases that terrorists hit that morning along the Gaza-Israel border.

43

The number of Americans killed in the attack that day.



Hamas took around 250 hostages back with them. Since then, some have been killed and some released. About 100 remain unaccounted for or are still in captivity today, including Americans.

250

City Brings in Another Major Event

Crawfordsville scores again!

Next October, the 78th Edition of the Monster Energy FIM Motocross of Nations will be held at the spectacular Ironman Raceway. The sixth running of this event will take place Oct. 2-5, 2025 and another huge crowd will be coming to Montgomery County.

"We are beyond thrilled to host the 2025 Motocross of Nations at Ironman Raceway in Crawfordsville," Crawfordsville Mayor Todd

➔ **See EVENT Page A8**

Secretary of State Morales Urges Registration and Voting

If you are a U.S. citizen, 18 years old by Election Day and you aren't registered



to vote—what are you waiting for? You have a RIGHT to register and vote and should exercise it.

Today is the final day for eligible Hoosiers to register to vote in this most important upcoming election for our local, state and federal public servants.

I think it's unfortunate that many U.S. Citizens take their right to vote to select who our government leaders will be for granted. For many, citizenship is a right of birth, and unhappily sometimes birthrights, which are automatic in nature, require no effort and are not valued and exercised.

Unlike many of my fellow Americans and Hoosiers, I was not born here. Through great effort and determination, my family and I pursued the American Dream and immigrated legally to the United States.

➔ **See VOTE Page A4**

Butch Reckons He's a Hoosier....



When I took a speech class as a freshman at Purdue, the professor, who was from the east coast, asked me if I was from southern Indiana. She surmised that I had a southern Indiana or Kentucky accent by the way I pronounced certain words. "No, I live only 20 miles south of here!" SHUCKS, I guess we Hoosiers just don't realize that our speech is unique. This gave me a

➔ **See BUTCH Page A7**

➔ **TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Teens need about ten hours of sleep while school-age kids should get 10-12.

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 grandmother pretends she doesn't know who you are on Halloween."
Erma Bombeck

➔ **TODAY'S JOKE**

What does a ghost call a mistake?
A boo boo.

➔ **THREE THINGS You Should Know**

- 1** Eli Lilly plans to increase its investment at the LEAP Research and Innovation District in Lebanon. The new \$4.5 billion expansion brings Lilly's total LEAP investment to more than \$13 billion and will enable Lilly to significantly increase its internal capacity to produce more innovative and next-generation therapies for clinical trials. In May 2022, Lilly first announced its plans to invest \$2.1 billion and create up to 500 new jobs at LEAP. At the company's Lebanon groundbreaking in April 2023, Lilly announced an additional \$1.6 billion investment and 200 new jobs at the site. During the 2024 Indiana Global Economic Summit, Lilly announced an additional \$5.3 billion expansion and 200 more jobs. Once completed, LMF is expected to add an additional 400 full-time jobs.
- 2** Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is co-leading a 14-state lawsuit against the Federal Communications Commission's new rule that could limit phone calls for inmates and prevent local police from performing one of their most basic functions — investigating and preventing crimes by surveilling inmate calls. By capping the cost for inmates far below any reasonable level, the FCC will impose new costs on taxpayers and deprive state and local authorities of many safety benefits that come from allowing inmates access to audio and video calls. The FCC's new rule would likely force some jails to eliminate such services altogether — directly undermining the goal of expanding inmate access to calls that the FCC claims it is pursuing.
- 3** The Indiana Economic Development Corporation secured \$550,000 in competitive grant funding from the U.S. Small Business Administration to support the export activities of Hoosier small businesses through the Indiana State Trade and Export Promotion grant program. IN-STEP. Grant funding will be available to Indiana companies beginning through September 2026, or until all funds are distributed.

➔ **MONTGOMERY MINUTE**

The Crawfordsville Investment Club will meet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., at the Crawfordsville District Public Library. The program is a discussion of selecting the right balance between growth and value investments in your portfolio. This is based on an article in the October issue of the AAIL Journal (American Association of Individual Investors). The Crawfordsville Investment Club meets for educational purposes only. Visitors are welcome. For more information call (765) 362-2826.



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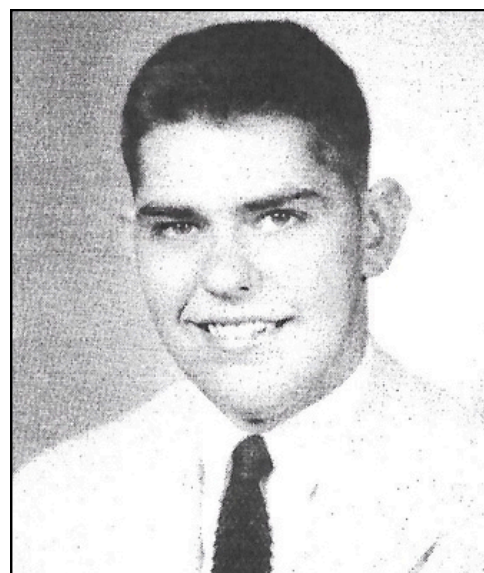
Tipsy Traveler Gets Ribbon Cut



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The Crawfordsville | Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce was excited to host a ribbon cutting for the Tipsy Traveler. The Tipsy Traveler is a charming mobile bar, they're excited to bring a unique experience to your next celebration! Providing a beverage catering experience for your wedding, birthday, family gathering, or other special event in your life. Tipsy Traveler will set up, execute, and clean up! Providing all bar equipment, bar tools, drinkware, cocktail mixers, ice, garnishes, licensed bartender, and meticulous planning to make your event unforgettable with the mobile bar or your choice of a collapsible bar for an indoor event. Owner / Operator, Erin Blaydes, can be reached at bartentipsytraveler@gmail.com. For additional information regarding the chamber, visit the website at crawfordsvillechamber.com or email Stacy Sommer at ssommer@crawfordsvillechamber.com.

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do You Recognize This 1957 Ladoga Graduate?

HINT:
 He was a car salesman at Etter Ford for many years.

Answer on Page A3

FOR THE RECORD

For The Record is a public service and regular feature in The Paper of Montgomery County. It is designed to tell you what is scheduled to happen and what actually does happen in meetings paid for with your tax dollars. The Paper encourages all citizens to take an active role in being involved in local government.

CRAWFORDSVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORP.

Notice of Regular Meeting
 The Board of School Trustees of the Crawfordsville Community School Corporation will meet for a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at Crawfordsville Community Schools Administration Building, 1000 Fairview Ave. The public is invited to attend.
 Notice of Public Hearing
 Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of the Crawfordsville Community School Corporation will hold

a public hearing on Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 5:30 pm at Crawfordsville Community Schools Administration Building, 1000 Fairview Ave. for the 2025 Budget items:
 Resolution for Capital Projects Plan
 Resolution for Bus Replacement Plan
 Public Testimony will be taken at this hearing pursuant to Indiana Code 20-29-6-1(a)

PLANNING COMMISSION

City of Crawfordsville
 Meeting Cancellation
 The City of Crawfordsville Plan Commission will not meet as scheduled on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 due to lack of an agenda.
 The next regularly scheduled Plan Commission meeting: November 19, 2024

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<p>Sandwiches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BBQ Pulled Pork Chicken Salad on Croissants Turkey Cranberry cream cheese with avocado and bacon Turkey Club Croissants 	<p>Comfort Food</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Million dollar spaghetti bake Jalapeño peach chicken or pork chops Pork loin with blueberry balsamic sauce Pork loin with bacon and apple chutney Chicken and noodles Beef and noodles Sliced pork loin with Tuscan cream sauce or garlic Parmesan cream sauce Lemon garlic or Tuscan salmon Salisbury steak Stuffed chicken breast Chicken pot pie pasta white chicken cheese enchiladas Kfc bowls Lasagna Meatloaf
<p>Sides</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Italian pasta salad Loaded bacon ranch potato salad Southern potato salad Creamy slaw Assortment of chips 	<p>Desserts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gourmet brownies Many flavors of Cheesecake pudding cups Chocolate chip cookie dough stuffed croissants Assortment of cookies Mini Lemon, Brownie, and cinnamon roll bites
<p>Catering Options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fruit bowls Fruit and Vegetables trays Meat and Cheese trays Boxed Lunches Charcuterie Board Taco, Pasta, Potato, Salad, and Nacho Bar 	

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I have a problem with inspirational quotes.

CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript
“You are never too old to set a new goal or to dream another dream,” is a quote attributed to C.S. Lewis. He didn’t say it.

“It is never too late to be what you might have been” is something George Eliot is supposed to have said. She never said that, either.

I could keep on going, but it’s a safe bet that, if you read it on Facebook and it is attributed to Mother Teresa, Einstein or Keanu Reeves, they almost certainly did not say it.

For the longest time, I’d hop on Facebook and debunk a quote and, while it was satisfying to let folks know that Einstein was much too busy making discoveries to say the things he supposedly had said, and Mother Teresa did not spend her time writing poetry, I don’t think I made anyone any happier by pointing it out.

I thought it was important to set the record straight. But what I finally realized was that inspiration doesn’t inspire us because it comes from a reputable source. The real reason the quotes incorrectly attributed to George Eliot and C.S. Lewis troubled me was because I worried they were incorrect in more ways than one.

George Eliot died at 61. C.S. Lewis was dead by 64. Maybe they didn’t say it was never too late, or you were never too old because, in fact, it sometimes is too late, and maybe I am too old. This is the sort of thing I worry about, some of the time. I wonder if I might be showing up a little too late for some of my dreams.

I consider myself a very fortunate person. I’ve gotten to do so many

interesting things in my life, and I spend every day doing things I genuinely enjoy. But sometimes, I look at the careers of people I admire, and I realize they didn’t dither around as long as I did. They stuck with one thing from a very early age. While here I am, at 62, looking forward to a first novel that won’t be published until I’m 63, and I wonder (because how could I not?) if I didn’t get kind of a late jump on things.

Of course, none of us knows how much time we get. So many authors and artists I admire died very young. They made this huge splash, and their ripples are still being felt, but they didn’t live long. I like to imagine that, since I eat a lot of broccoli and don’t drink bourbon, I might squeeze out more than the expected number of years to write things and tell my stories. I like to think that the actuarial tables do not apply to me. But, of course, they do.

And, because they do, I will do what I can with whatever time I have left.

I’ll do this because I believe with every fiber of my being that starting late is so much better than never starting at all. And I’ll do it because knowing that life is short (no matter how long it is) provides my greatest incentive to make this time—now—matter.

And, honestly, I don’t care how much or how little I am remembered after I die. I’d just as soon make room for new people to tell their stories when the time comes. My goal is to make meaning of life now. To be useful today. Maybe even offer a little inspiration—even if I am not the most reputable source.

*Till next time,
Carrie*

The Cost is on the Punkin’



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

“It’s time again to celebrate that most beloved and versatile fall fruit—the pumpkin.”
That’s a sign posted at the Dunkin’ Donuts shop near me. There are similar signs at Trader Joe’s and Starbucks. Every aisle has something Halloweeny or pumpkiny, which are not words, except in September and October. Christmassy pops up in November and December. Thankgivingly never made it. And Easterly only comes up when you are traveling from California to New York.

Now, I’m not a big pumpkin fan. I don’t even like small pumpkins. But here are just a few of the current seasonal options I now see at the stores noted above. You can stop reading the list anytime. You’ll get the point.

Pumpkin pie mix, Pumpkin-flavored cinnamon bagels, Pumpkin Greek Nonfat Yogurt, Pumpkin Cream Cheese Spread, Organic Pumpkin Cream Cold Brew, Pumpkin Spice Latte Starbucks, Pumpkin Cream Cheese Muffin, Pumpkin Scones, Pumpkin loaf, Pumpkin Spice Signature Latte, Nutty Pumpkin Coffee, Pumpkin toothpaste, Pumpkin Pasta, Pumpkin Pie Mix, Pumpkin-flavored cinnamon rolls, Pumpkin Cream Cheese Spread.

Now, let’s wander over to Trader Joe’s and see what else you can buy. But first, pick up a copy of their in-store publication, Fearless Flyer. Whoever writes the copy has a way with words—maybe the wrong way.

For example, in their promotion for Sugar Bee Apples, the writer says, “We take excellent products and cross-pollinate them with fair prices.” I can’t imagine how they did that. But I once saw a Rottweiler/Chihuahua mix.

Caramelized Onion Goat Log: We discover that this dish “creates a synergistic symphony on the palate.” Well, I’ll pass. I don’t want my tongue making noise. I’m already bad enough with soup.

Petite Pumpkin Spice Cookies where “the white icing furthers the foray into pumpkin spice territory.” This sounds like something a Vladamir Putin Pumpkin might do.

Pumpkin Spice Latte: “This Latte elevates PSL to another level.” I recently got some blood tests back from the lab. I think they said my PSL was already too high.

Pumpkin Butter: “It does not actually contain butter,” they admit, “but its great flavor is credited to its fruit-to-sugar ratio.” Compared to real butter, whose great taste is primarily credited to cows. Maybe they should place a note on the few perfectly symmetrical organic pumpkins they sell: I CAN’T BELIEVE IT’S NOT PLASTIC.

Pumpkin Bread: They admit that baking at home can produce a superior product, but then they say, “...but time does not always allow for such domestic pleasantries.” I asked my wife if she could think of any domestic pleasantries. I had never seen Mary Ellen stuck for an answer.

Joe’s Sandwich Pumpkin Cookies are “twistable, crunchable, crumbleable.” I’m guessing that they are also inedible, but remember, I’m not a pumpkin partaker.

Finally, there’s Trader Joe’s Harvest Brunch Turkey, Apple, and Pumpkin Waffle Recipe Dog Treats, the lengthiest named product in America. These treats are trendy on the West Coast because they are gluten-free, for pups that prefer meat to Wheaties.

Finally, Harpoon Dunkin’ Pumpkin Box O’ Beer? Yes, a box of beer. Somehow, that doesn’t sit quite right with me. I never wanted a box beer abs.

If you are a pumpkin fan, please don’t be offended. I just wanted to make you smile when you read my column.

And orange you glad you did?

– 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.

State Park Deer Hunt Applications open

Applications are open for hunters to participate in Indiana State Park deer management draw hunts, including at Shades State Park here in Montgomery County. These hunts follow science-based wildlife management to maintain healthy deer populations in the regions where the hunts are hosted.

“Across Indiana’s public lands, we work throughout the year to assess and properly manage our wildlife populations, designed around promoting healthy ecosystems,” Anthony Sipes, natural resources manager for Indiana State Parks, said. “We invite hunters to apply to help us with this vital mission at our state parks.”

Hunters can apply at on.IN.gov/reservedhunt, which is the only way to apply and is the one-stop shop for all pertinent information. Hunters will be selected through a random computerized drawing. A link to view drawing results will be posted at the website listed above after the results are complete.

Firearm hunts include any firearm legal to take deer on public land in Indiana. Archery hunts include any archery equipment legal to take deer in

Indiana, including crossbows.

Participating properties other than Shades include the following state parks: Brown County, Chain O’Lakes, Charlestown, Clifty Falls (archery only), Fort Harrison (archery only), Harmonie, Lincoln, McCormick’s Creek, O’Bannon Woods, Ouabache, Pokagon, Potato Creek, Prophetstown, Shakamak, Spring Mill, Summit Lake, Tippecanoe River (archery only), Turkey Run, Versailles, and Whitewater Memorial, as well as Cave River Valley Natural Area, Raccoon State Recreation Area (SRA), and Trine SRA.

Early hunts are Nov. 18-19, and late hunts are Dec. 2-3.

Applicants must possess any valid license to take a deer in Indiana at the time of the application. By the date of the first hunt, applicants must be Indiana residents or possess a valid lifetime license to take deer in Indiana and be 18 years of age. Once an application has been submitted, information cannot be changed. Applications must be completed by the application deadline, Oct. 27.

KENNY THOMPSON

With decades of experience as an award-winning sports writer and sports editor – most of it covering Purdue athletics – Kenny Thompson has a perspective and inside knowledge that few others have. Whether it’s putting what’s going on in the Big Ten in historical perspective or shooting straight from the hip on what’s happening today, no one has a better take on Purdue and sports than Kenny!

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Butch Dale’s Flashback Trivia

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Montgomery Medicine: Insomnia Part 2



JOHN R. ROBERTS, M.D.
Montgomery Medicine

This week I want to focus on basic prevention and treatments for insomnia. If the cause of insomnia is not readily identifiable, it's helpful to keep a sleep diary for 2-4 weeks to share with your doctor. It should include sleep and wake times, naps, and actual time spent sleeping. You can download a blank sleep diary at bit.ly/3KHxjE7.

It's important to have a ritual before going to bed. This should include quiet "wind down" time for at least 30 minutes before retiring. A warm bath or shower before bedtime can be helpful for most people. A light snack may also promote drowsiness.

Having a consistent wake time is more important than a regular bedtime. This is extremely difficult for folks that may work nights Monday through Friday who are then off on the weekends. They need to try and maintain the same schedule as closely as possible and get the same total number of hours in bed that they get while working nights.

A tip for night workers is to put on dark wrap-around sunglasses before leaving the workplace and wear them until you are able to get in a dark room at home. This helps to keep the brain's daytime switch from being turned on and allows you to get to sleep more easily.

If you're still having trouble sleeping, it can be helpful to meet with a therapist to discuss relaxation therapy. Prayer and meditation are also commonly used to help the brain relax. Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia (CBTI) is very helpful for most people; you can read more here: mayoclinic.org/2LSrmp8. This is also a good article from the New York Times: nyti.ms/3EHerTr.

I touched on medications last week, but I want to briefly mention drugs that frequently cause insomnia. Caffeine can stay in the system for up to eight hours so don't consume it within eight hours of bedtime if you're having trouble

sleeping. Cold medications containing pseudoephedrine (Sudafed®) keep the brain awake. Nicotine is also a stimulant, so if you're a smoker, you should discuss quitting with your doctor. Alcohol is the absolute last thing you want to consume if you're having trouble with insomnia. It can cause drowsiness, but it prevents the brain from getting into deep restful stages of sleep.

There are some natural products, particularly melatonin, that can help some people. It's important to start at a low dose, perhaps ½ to 1 mg, and to take it in the evening since our body's natural production starts to ramp up just after dark. Prescription sleep medications should be the absolute last resort for treating insomnia. They have not been shown to significantly improve the length or quality of sleep. These medications are all very addictive and may cause unwanted or dangerous side effects in some people, particularly the elderly.

An excellent resource for more information on insomnia can be found at bit.ly/39XAKPC. Sleep specialist Dr. Chris Winter spoke last year at Wabash College. I would recommend his book, "The Sleep Solution: Why Your Sleep is Broken and How to Fix It." He also produces the podcast "Sleep Unplugged with Dr. Chris Winter."

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

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READER'S CHOICE 2024

Back in the Day with Butch Dale



Many small towns had their own theater, and a few showed movies on the side of downtown buildings. This is a photo of the Sunshine theater in Darlington before it was demolished in the 1980s. I went to the theater many times as a child before it closed in 1959. Tickets were 25 cents and popcorn was 10 cents. Now all that is left are the memories

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As your Indiana Secretary of State, I understand that the right to vote is sacred—a responsibility handed down from previous generations who fought for our freedoms. For me, the right to vote is deeply personal. When I was in high school, I legally immigrated with my family to Sellersburg. Immediately, we were welcomed by the kindest people and learned the true meaning of Hoosier Hospitality. After graduating college, with a Green Card in my wallet, I served in the United States Army and the Indiana National Guard, it took years to become a naturalized citizen. I am proud of my U.S. Citizenship, I cherish it, I defend it and I will always value and exercise my citizenship rights by voting.

Organizing and overseeing elections that are safe, secure, trusted, and transparent is my most serious and important responsibility as Indiana Secretary of State. Elections are only meaningful if citizens vote, so encouraging eligible Hoosiers to register to vote, and vote, along with addressing voters' concerns has been a responsibility I take very seriously as well.

Throughout the past 22 months, as your Secretary of State, I have taken a commendable and principled stand by promoting continued voter engagement efforts by encouraging eligible Hoosiers to register to vote and to get to the polls. The push serves as a reminder that the right to vote transcends party lines and remains the cornerstone of our great nation.

Leaders have long championed personal responsibility, civic duty, and respect for the Constitution. By focusing on voter registration and turnout, my office is embracing these core values and reinforcing the principle that every eligible Hoosier has the opportunity-and the obligation-to participate in the electoral process.

I am proud to say with our voter outreach efforts, over 90 percent of eligible Hoosiers are registered to vote and that Indiana's voter registration rate continues to grow. Historically, Hoosiers have supported measures that ensures the integrity of safe and secure elections—often through policies aimed at preventing voter fraud. However, promoting voter registration efforts does not contradict these ideals. It aligns with the belief that the election process should be both secure and accessible. By standing up for voter registration and participation, my office is upholding that the legitimacy of our elections depends not only on preventing fraud, but also on ensuring that every eligible voter has the chance to be heard.

But the work of reaching out to every eligible voter is not done, and there may still time be a few hours left to register to vote. Please take my request seriously! Go to Indianavoters.com to register to vote, confirm, or update your registration. The process takes less than two minutes.

Americans are incredibly blessed to have the right to vote. Please join me in valuing and exercising your rights by registering and voting this election season.

Diego Morales is the first Latino elected to a statewide office and is Indiana's 63rd Indiana Secretary of State.

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2024 Mercedes-Benz CLE 450 Proves Uniting Two into One Invigorates the Soul



CASEY WILLIAMS
Auto Reviews

Mercedes-Benz makes its money on crossovers and sedans, but its soul is defined by coupes.

Sharing the basic chassis and powertrains with their more conservative siblings, coupes sit a little lower, slope a little sweeter, and cosset more personally. If sedans get kids to school and aspiring executives to work, then coupes encourage a little more fun. And, so it is with the 2024 Mercedes-Benz CLE 450 4MATIC Coupe.

Elegant Simplicity

It's actually two cars united as one, replacing C- and E-Class coupes. Beneath the skin, it's more C-Class than E-Class, but you won't care because it looks and drives so well.

Mercedes design as you know it was dominated by Bruno Sacco, chief

stylist at Mercedes-Benz from 1975-1999 and who gave us such crisp designs as the 1980s "W124" E-Class Coupe and first-generation CLK. Those cars were proud, but understated, with a minimum of bling and extraneous lines. Gorden Wagener, under which our CLE was styled, learned well.

Looking at its face, with its chrome star hung on a single lamella, identifies this coupe as integral to a long tradition of sporting Mercedes going back to the 300 SL Gullwing. Angled headlamps and large air intakes signal aggression, but it's a smooth, muscular arc of a car with just the right creases to keep it interesting. Thin taillamps wrap across the trunk, under a subtle spoiler. Gleaming 20" wheels add at least a little bling.

Sit down, look around, you're in a Mercedes. There's a

flatscreen instrument cluster and tablet-style touchscreen kissing the console, but slabs of metal weave panel the dash (wood is available). Round air vents recall "R107" Mercedes SL roadsters from the 1980s. Seats and trim look like leather, but are actually MB Tex—a vinyl that will outlast you. Front passengers enjoy seats with heat, ventilation, and massagers. Rear seats are tight, but livable. A panoramic glass roof, heated steering wheel, and serene Barmester audio serve vices.

The CLE uses a similar touchscreen to the current S-Class and SL roadster. Functions stay in the background until selected, then expand. A touch retracts them again. It's intuitive with use, but can be a bit confusing at first. Devices connect wirelessly and charge wirelessly too. Safety abounds; drivers get a head-up display to

keeps eyes on the road, but they're also aided by adaptive cruise, automatic emergency braking, blind spot warning, and rear cross path detection systems.

Drives Like A Mercedes

The CLE's powertrain is like nothing from the past. Pumping behind the big three-pointed star is a 3.0-liter turbocharged inline-six-cylinder engine with a mild hybrid system and 9-speed automatic transmission. Not only is it immensely powerful with 375 horsepower and 369 lb.-ft. of torque, but it's also incredibly efficient rating 23/33-MPG city/highway.

Anchored to the road with all-wheel-drive, it is quite happy storming the left lane of Texas interstates or blasting through Indiana snow or... slogging city streets to the office. Whether you've driven Mercedes your entire life, or are just discovering them

now, you should know there's a nimble heftiness to their manners that is incomparable. It soaks up the road like an iron sponge, settling for hours on end, but never unwilling to chase a curve.

Mercedes coupes were never inexpensive, and neither is the CLE. Base models start at an obtainable \$56,500, but

clocked in at a very luxurious \$75,170 for our test model. AMG versions climb higher still. Competitors include the BMW 4-Series, Audi A5, Lexus RC and Ford Mustang.

Storm Forward!

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

- Likes**
- Smooth style
 - Gorgeous interior
 - Turbo-hybrid power
- Dislikes**
- Rear legroom
 - Initial touchscreen use
 - Luxurious price

2024 Mercedes-Benz CLE 450 4MATIC
Four-passenger, AWD Coupe
Powertrain: 3.0-liter I6, hybrid
Output: 375hp/369 lb.-ft.
Suspension f/r: Ind/Ind
Wheels f/r: 20"/20" alloy
Brakes f/r: disc/disc
Fuel economy city/hwy: 23/33-MPG
Assembly: Bremen, Germany
Base/as-tested price: \$56,500/\$75,170

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"SKEEDADDLE" (leave now)...."CRICK" (creek)...."FEESH" (fish)...."WORSH" (wash)...."MELK" (milk)...."COOSHIN" (cushion)...."TATER" (potato)...."DOOZY" (outstanding)...."WUNST" (once)...."WASSUP?" (What's up)...."WHURWAZYA?" (Where were you?)...."JEET?" (Did you eat?)...."GULLY WASHER" (heavy rain)...."CATTY CORNER" (diagonal)...."CATTY WAMPUS" (not aligned correctly)...."OPE" (oops)...."YUN-TOO?" (Do you want to?)...."PADIDDLE" (gibberish)...."THE WHY AND THE WHAREFORE" (a complete explanation)...."POOSH" (push)...."MINNERS" (minnows)...."DAVENPORT" (sofa or couch)...."NOTION" (an idea)...."NECK OF THE WOODS" (a specific area)...."WHOLE NUTHER" (completely different)...."DONTCHA KNOW" (Don't you know)...."SCHNOOKERE D" (conned)...."NATCHURL" (natural)...."KIN" (can)...."HEERD" (heard)...."WANNA" (want to)...."GIT" (get)...."PELLOW" (pillow)...."I SWAN" (I don't believe it)...."DEAD RINGER" (identical)...."FER PIECE" (long distance)...."SWEEPER" (vacuum)...."WARNT" (weren't)...."PUNKIN" (pumpkin)...."COW PIE" (cow manure)...."WHIPPERSNAPPER" (a young child)...."OVER YONDER" (over there)...."FIXIN-TOO" (I'm planning on it)...."COON'S AGE" (a long time)...."SKEETER" (mosquito)...."MIZZLED" (confused)...."THE GITTIN PLACE" (the store)...."BACKDOOR TROTS" (diarrhea)...."GONNA" (I'm going to)...."PURT-NEER" (very close)...."SETA-WILE" (sit down for a while)...."MATERS"

(tomatoes)... "HOLLER" (a ravine)... "EYE-TALION" (Italian)... and one of my Dad's favorites.. "HAHN-YOCKS" (kids).

Then there are places we might visit here in the state, such a "PEEROO" (Peru), "BRAYZILL" (Brazil), "LAFETYETTE" (Lafayette), "BROWNCOWNEE" (Brown County), "CARMELL" (Carmel), "KOKEMO" (Kokomo)... or we could drive all the way to "EYE-O-WAY" (Iowa).

Of course, we also use certain phrases or sayings that some out-of-state foreigners might not understand, such as.... "GOTCHA EARS LOWERED" (had a haircut)... "AS SCARCE AS HEN'S TEETH" (very rare)... "KEEP YOUR TRAP SHUT" (be quiet)... "KNEE HIGH TO A GRASSHOPPER" (short, but getting taller)... "LIKE TWO PEAS IN A POD" (very similar)... "BEEN RODE HARD AND PUT AWAY WET" (worn out)... "IF I HAD MY DRUTHERS" (If I could choose)... "NOW HOLD YOUR HORSES" (stop and think before you act)... "JEEZ LOUISE" (Wow!)... "THAT DOG AIN'T GONNA HUNT" (he can't do it)... "CUTER THAN A SPECKLED PUP" (nice-looking child)... "ALL HAT AND NO CATTLE" (pretending to be something he isn't)... "HALF A

BUBBLE OFF PLUMB" (an idiot)... "COLDER THAN A WELL DIGGER'S PATOOTY" (freezing cold)... "UP THE CREEK WITHOUT A PADDLE" (will likely fail)... "CAN'T HIT THE BROAD SIDE OF THE BARN" (poor shot)... "HEAVEN'S TO BETSY!" (Oh dear!)... "AS NERVOUS AS A CAT IN A ROOM FULL OF ROCKING CHAIRS" (very nervous)... "DON'T EGG HER ON" (Don't pester her)... "SHE SURE GETS AROUND" (a "loose" woman)... "LORD WILLING AND THE CREEK DON'T RISE" (hopefully it will happen)... and a common one here in Montgomery County.. "THAT SMELL IS MONEY IN THE BANK" (smells coming from a hog barn).

There are likely hundreds more Hoosier pronunciations and phrases, but these will do for now. And if a stranger cannot understand what you are saying, then ask him, "YOU AIN'T FROM ROUND HERE, IS YOU?"

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Barton said. "We look forward to welcoming teams and fans from around the world to our community and are already hard at work creating a fun-filled experience for our visitors that will be like none other."

Now the brilliant facility of Ironman Raceway joins that illustrious list, named after the late GNCC ATV Champion Bob 'Ironman' Sloan, who hailed from the area and was an inspiration for the building of the circuit, as well as the off-road enduro-style facility nearby. The land surrounding the track itself is huge and flat, perfect for camping and parking, but the actual circuit is anything but level, with major elevation changes a key feature. Some of the biggest and steepest uphill sections in American

Motocross, including the mighty Godzilla step-up, help to form an action-packed lap which will both challenge and excite the best riders on the planet!

"We are proud to bring the 78th edition of the Monster Energy FIM Motocross of Nations to the USA in 2025," Infront Moto Racing CEO, David Luongo said. "We will head to the fantastic Ironman Raceway, renowned for its challenging layout and rich history in the American Motocross. It will mark a new step in the outstanding collaboration Infront Moto Racing has with MX Sports. In this respect I want to thank Carrie Russel Coombs, Davey Coombs, Tim Cotter from MX Sport and all their team for turning this mutual project into life. I would like also to thank the city of Crawfordsville

representative for supporting this event that will bring all the eyes and interest of the international motocross community to the region. The MXoN is always a special event where riders don't just compete for themselves but for their nations. The pride, emotion and intensity that comes with this race is something you can feel in the air. We are expecting an unforgettable atmosphere, with American fans and fans from all over the world coming together to celebrate this amazing sport."

The USA holds the record for the most team victories in the history of the Monster Energy Motocross of Nations, with 23 in total, despite only truly joining the competition

in the 1970s. The first 'Nations' in the USA was at Unadilla in 1987, in the middle of a period of dominance for the home team. Further home victories were taken in 2007 at Budd's Creek, 2010 at Lakewood, and in 2022 at RedBud, which avenged the only American loss on home soil, which was to Team France in 2018 at the same venue.

Ironman Raceway has hosted a round of the AMA National Motocross Championship each season since 2014, and on seven occasions has seen the final round of the series play out there. American Eli Tomac clinched his first two National 450cc titles at the venue, and Australian Jett Lawrence not only clinched his first two US 250cc titles there, but also completed his perfect 450cc season in 2023, with his brother

Hunter Lawrence taking the 250cc title on the same day. KTM's Chase Sexton also won his National title at Ironman this season.

MXGP fans will know the venue well, as the site of Jeffrey Herlings' famous double victory in 2017, and regular 'Nations' riders Ken Roczen, Jo Shimoda, Tom Vialle, and Dylan Ferrandis have also put their names onto the winner's trophies in the past. 2024 Team USA rider Aaron Plessinger has won twice there in the 250cc class, but Tomac and Jett Lawrence are tied for the most National wins at the circuit with three apiece.

"It goes without saying that not only will the venue and facilities be up to the FIM standards required to hold such an event, but also all the energy and support from the FIM and AMA staff needed to run such

event so that the atmosphere created by the MX fans from every single corner of the planet will make of this MXoN edition a lasting experience for those who will flock together to enjoy the best motocross riders of the galaxy," FIM/CMS Director Antonio Alia Portela said

Motocross fans from all over the world will flock to the American Midwest on the first weekend of October next year. The passion, pride, and patriotism of the Nations is unmatched in any off-road motorcycling event! Watch for the ticket announcements online and book your place at what is sure to be one of the best Monster Energy Motocross of Nations of all time! MX Sport CEO Davey Coombs agreed. "The bar has been set high by all of the previous MXON races in America, and we look forward to setting it even higher next October at Ironman Raceway."



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