## THURSDAY August 24, 2023

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### **CRAWFORDSVILLE, INDIANA**

#### Darlisa Steele, owner of C'Ville Docs offered a smile to one of our roving photgraphers while received her Readers' Choice 2023 award! Thanks Darlisa!

TODAY'S VERSE

FACES OF MONTGOMERY

Jeremiah 32:27 "Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh; is anything too difficult

People who call our community their own.

for Me?" (NASB)

## **THREE THINGS** You Should Know:

The Montgomery County Relay for Life is dedicated to helping communities attack cancer. Through funds donated, time given, or awareness raised, communities are teaming up to make a difference. The annual event is scheduled for Sept. 16, from 12 pm - 8 pm in Crawfordsville. You can participate by forming a team, raising money and celebrating at the event while honoring survivors and remembering lives touched by purchasing a luminaria. Please help spread the word to help them grow the success of this event! Click the button to visit the website to register a team and for more information.

Franciscan Physician Network Primary Care & Sports Medicine Lafayette is now offering a walk-in clinic for middle and high school athletes with acute injuries occurring in the previous 72 hours. The clinic is offered on Mondays only thru Oct. 23, 2023 and check-in is from 7 to 830 a.m.

Please join The Farm At Prophetstown and help the promote their fundRAISE the Barn event at The Farm at Prophetstown. All proceeds from this event benefit the restoration and preservation of their historic Red Gambrel Barn. Event will take place at the Farm on September 23rd beginning at 6pm. Live music, Silent Auction, Square Dancing, Food and more! Flier attached! The barn restoration is currently underway, come out and see the progress!

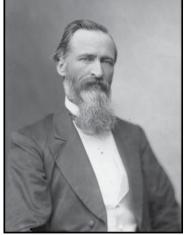


Photo courtesy of Karen Zach **Michael Daugherty White** 

## Lew Wallace, Law Partners

week could give ya' the **KAREN** condensed version of **Around The** some (most) of the law partners and

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'students" of our famous Lew Wallace, probably not in order, likely not all of them, but these four, for sure!

Nabbed this idea as I was researching one of my favorite Montgomery Countians, Major Charles Monroe Travis (sketch from the Indianapolis Journal 24 June 1882), whom I've written about in a couple of articles but just mentioning him and didn't highlight him in the Wallace relationship. Charles Monroe Travis was born 20 Oct 1845 in Edgar County, Illinois and when he turned 16, he immediately joined-up for the war (Co E, 12th Ill) and served with honor until the war's closing. Afterwards, he read law under Lew then served as his partner until 1872 (Indianapolis Journal 24 June 1892). One of his major accomplishments was serving as the US Consulate in Brazil where he and his wife, Mary Salisbury had their only child, Claude, who became a well-known minister. An Odd Fellow and Knight Templar, he served as quite an active state commander of GAR (Grand Army of the Republic, the large Civil War organization). As such, he headed-up the great dedication exercise for the Soldiers Monument in Indianapolis with much flair and even laid its cornerstone. Over 50,000 were tallied as visitors to the capital city that day. He was a major of a colored unit during the Spanish-American War. His expertise was aiding soldiers to

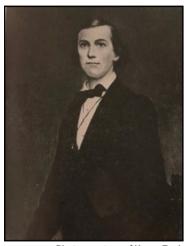


Photo courtesy of Karen Zach **Samuel Campbell Wilson** 

obtain a pension; however, he was involved in various aspects of law and business (insurance salesman in later years). Buried Oak Hill.

Next up is Michael Daugherty White, an early partner of Lew. Born in Springfield, Ohio 8 Sept 1827, he was the son of Albert Lanson and Mary Daughtery White, but mainly grew-up on a farm in Tippecanoe County. "Alanson's" father was a Revolution soldier. Mike White came to Crawfordsville to attend Wabash but because of poor health left his senior year. After a year on his father's farm and working in the family mill, Mike's health returned and he joined Lew in a law firm until 1858 when "Honest Mike White" (loved by everyone in both parties) accomplished quite a feat by beating General Mahlon Manson in a run for the senate. White was a great orator, patterning his career after Henry S. Lane (PBR of Montgomery, Parke and Fountain County p 141). Quite an active Mason and involved in the Christian Church, he married Dr. JG McMechan's daughter, Millie, a cultured well-admired religious woman and they parented John, George and Grace. Buried Oak Hill Grant Avenue (photo from FindAGrave -Bill McKern). Really admired this fellow and his relationship with Lew. Born in Fountain County, he grew-up in Hillsboro and Waynetown and one day he saw Lew, asking LW if he could borrow his law books to read. Lew noted, "One at a time, you'll take a detailed test, get another and repeat the process." When he had devoured and promptly passed all of Lew's books, Thomas Fleming Davidson then tackled all of Lew's partner, Michael Daughtery White's law books and did the same. Davidson worked in

## **TASTE! 2023 Music Lineup**

The Elizabeth Lee Duo, a father-daughter duo, are singer-songwriters with an emphasis on clear vocals and harmonies.

Elizabeth Lee is a musician and singer-songwriter, local to the Indianapolis area. She is known for pristine, clear vocals and for performing with her dad, Bobby. Bobby is particularly known for his smooth harmonies. The duo has an album of 11 original songs, as well as several singles currently out on all streaming platforms, with 3 new singles in the works for 2023. The duo performs covers ranging from the 30's to now, as well as originals, depending on the venue. \*\*\*

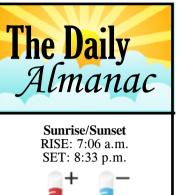
#### The Midtown Madmen

The Midtown Mad Men is a high-energy rock n' roll band guaranteed to have any audience rocking around the clock! Put on your blue suede shoes because there's a whole lotta shakin' going on with this fun four-piece from Indianapolis. 1950's and 1960's vintage rock n' roll hits from Elvis, Buddy Holly, Little Richard, Chuck Berry, The Beatles and many more make The Midtown Mad Men a band that everyone will enjoy!

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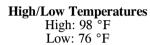
#### Josh Kaufman

Josh Kaufman's music has an emotional directness and intensity that is rivaled by few. It has been described as a soulful mix of pop, rock, folk, and jazz. His influences are diverse, ranging from Jeff Buckley to Chris Cornell to Beck to Stevie Wonder to Chet Baker. It's difficult to nail him down to a particular genre, but when people hear his music-or especially when they experience it live—they know that they are experiencing something special. With his four octave range, distinctive falsetto, and incredible guitar playing Kaufman has wowed live audiences for years. In 2014, on a whim, he went to a blind audition for the TV show The Voice, was selected to be on the show, and to make a long story short won the whole competition. Season 6, Voice winner, you can google it and see the photos with Usher. After The Voice, Kaufman got a big bump of attention for a while. Some highlights include sitting in with The Roots on The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon, headlining Indy



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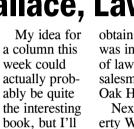
- Can Opener DayNational Knife Day
- Pluto Demoted Day

## What Happened On This Day

• 2006 Pluto is Declassified as a Planet. The International Astronomical Union (IAU) declassified Pluto as a planet and classified it as a dwarf planet. According to the IAU definition, a dwarf planet is neither a planet or

a natural satellite. It is 'a celestial object orbiting a star that is massive enough to be rounded by its own gravity but has not cleared its orbit

of space debris'. • 1949 NATO is Established. The North Atlantic Treaty, which established the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), an intergovernmental military alliance, came into effect on this day. The Treaty, which was signed on April 4, 1949 in Washington DC, created a collective defense system, where an attack on one member is considered an attack on all the other signatories. • 1814 The British Burn Down Washington. British troops under the leadership of Major General Robert Ross occupied Washington D.C. and burnt down the city, including the Presidential Mansion and the Capitol building.



#### **Births On This Day** • 1957 Stephen Fry English comedian, actor, journalist, author **1899** Jorge Luis Borges

Argentine writer

**Deaths On This Day** • 1983 Scott Nearing American writer, educator • 1946 James Clark McReynolds American lawyer, judge

## HONEST HOOSIER

You realize if you call your toilet the Jim instead of the John, you can tell all your pals you go to the Jim bright and early every day.



## TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Do the exercise that you enjoy the most. 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.



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## THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Get Another TASTE! Of Montgomery County: The TASTE! of Montgomery County begins at noon on Saturday, and runs until 10 p.m. At the gate, admission is \$7 for adults and \$3 for students. Visitors can purchase advance sale Taste tickets at the Carriage House Interpretive Center of the General Lew Wallace Study & Museum, home of the Taste; the Montgomery County Visitors and Convention Bureau on the first floor of Fusion 54 at 101 West Main Street; Milligan's Flowers & Gifts at 115 East Main; Crawfordsville Parks & Recreation Community Center at 922 E. South Boulevard. Advance tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students

#### **TODAY'S QUOTE**

"Once you agree upon the price you and your family must pay for success, it enables you to ignore the minor hurts, the opponent's pressure and the temporary failures." -Vince Lombardi

## 🗢 TODAY'S JOKE

The boss tried to get a job at a sunscreen factory, but was turned down. No worries, though. He reapplied.



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## **OBITUARIES**

#### **Keith Harold Gibbs** August 15, 1957, Tuesday, August 22, 2023

Keith "Sonny" Harold Gibbs Jr, 66 years old, a resident of Majestic Care Lafayette went to be with our Lord and Savior on Tuesday, August 22, 2023. He was born on August 15, 1957, at Martinsville, Indiana to K. Harold and Violet (Rike) Gibbs.

Keith graduated from Crawfordsville High School in 1975. He enjoyed fishing and hunting and went on several trips with his dad, nephew, Brent Harrison, and family friend, Bud Hartung. Keith worked at Crawford Industries for over 20 years as an extruder operator before his health started to diminish.

Keith has three sisters; Peggy (Ed) Osborne of Linnsburg, Connie (Bennie) Beverly of Punta Gorda, FL, and Nita (Phil) Harrison of New Market; along with three nieces, four nephews, and several great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two sisters, Sandy Halford and Vickie Fuller.

Sanders Shoemaker Funeral Care is entrusted with care.

Per Keith's request there will be no visitation and the family will have private graveside rites at a later date. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.

## Meeting Notes -

## **Board Of Public Works And Public Safety Meeting**

August 23 at 10 AM I. Approval of the minutes from August 16, 2023.

II. Approval of the claims for the week of August 21, 2023.

**III.** Old Business a. Bid discussion for Lincoln Park

b. Bid discussion for Brickyard Nature Park **IV.** New Business

a. Alonna Hunt requesting to place a dumpster at 618 W. Pike Street beginning Thursday, August 24th thru Monday, August 28th

b. Barry Lewis, Code Enforcement Officer. with multiple work order requests •306 W. North Street, owned by Smooth Acquisitions, LLC •1001 E. Chestnut Street, owned by Our Way Home Foundations, LLC •1214 W. Market Street, owned by Zachary

Cunningham •212 Bluff Street, owned by Rusty & Erin

Stevens •910 Tuttle Avenue, owned by Remling Properties, LLC

•912 Tuttle Avenue, owned by Teresa Goodnight

V. Departments Heads VI. Adjournment









## **Regular School Board Meeting** North Montgomery Corporation

480 W 580 N Crawfordsville 1, Work Session - 4 .e,,m. 1.1 Budget 2023-2024 Discussion 1.2 Review of School Strategic Plans 2. Call to Order 2.1 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance (please stand) 3. Public Comment 3.1 Public Comment 3.2 Public Testimony Relating to Teacher Compensation and Collective Bargaining 4. Consent A, ienda 4.1 Minutes

4.2 Monthly Claims 4.3 Personnel, Extra-Curricular, Field Trips, Facilities Usage, Contributions, Gifts, Su-

sonal Background Checks, References, and Mandatory reporting, 2221 - Mandatory Curriculum, 2414 - Reproductive Health and Family Planning and Human Sexuality Instruct1on, 2416 - Student Privacy and Parental Access to Information, 2510 - Adoption of Curricular Materials, 2520 - Selection of Materials, Library Materials and Equipment, 3120.02 - Adjunct Teachers, 3121 - Personal Background checks, References, and Mandatory Reporting, 3220.01 - Teacher Appreciation Grants, 4121 - Personal Background Checks, References, and Mandatory Reporting, 5710 - Student Complaints, 5720 - Stu-



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## **Carbon Offsets: Just Another Greenwashing Tool?**

## EARTHTALK

Dear EarthTalk: Are carbon offsets an effective way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, or are they just corporate greenwashing with little if any environmental impact?

If you want to get environmental advocates agitated, bring up carbon offsetting. It is among the most hotly debated climate solution efforts, with opinions fanned out on the spectrum from whole-heartedly for, entirely against, and everywhere in between. But what actually is it?

Offsetting is the act of counterbalancing harmful emissions one might be responsible for by funding a project that removes the same amount of emissions from the atmosphere, i.e. planting trees to compensate for an airplane flight. Offsets are hooked up to a broader financial system called a "carbon market," where investors can buy "carbon credits" to compensate for their emissions. One credit equals one ton of CO2.

There are two types of carbon markets, one "voluntary" and one called "compliance." Compliance markets are controlled by official policy, and a cap-and-trade system, whereby a government will set a "cap" (a limit) how much CO2 an industry may release, and then divide it into permits, which are either given or sold to companies within that industry. If a company doesn't use all of its allowance, it can sell the extra to bigger emitters for a profit. Each year, the cap is supposed to get lower and lower, driving the price of polluting up and, in theory, sending companies careening towards renewables and clean energy.

The voluntary system is similar, but it functions outside of government regulation. Companies purchase credits from carbon offsetting projects in order to prove their environmental standards. On paper, this sounds great. But activists do have valid concerns. An investigation into Verra, the world's leading voluntary carbon credit certifier, found that over 90 percent of its credits were phantom ones with no environmental benefit. So, it is easy to see why some think it is a massive scam.

"Stop greenwashing!" shouted young climate activist Greta Thunberg at an assembly of experts at the 2021 United Nations **Climate Conference** (COP26) in Glasgow. The topic? Carbon offsetting. Greenpeace is very vocal on the matter too, seeing it as merely "[t]ree planting window dressing aimed at distracting [us] from ecosystem destruction." But solid belief in the potential in the market is also valid. Johan Rockström from the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research says that offsetting generates

much-needed investments even if it does lack proper regulation. In fact, investments in green spaces and local communities are a major upside to offsetting. By selling credits that maintain natural landscapes, often in developing countries, the carbon markets funnel money into wildlife, and could even eventually reverse the depressing maxim: "Our forests are worth more dead than alive.'

And what about the carbon that is already in the atmosphere? Naveen Shivalingam, co-founder of Peak 365, a carbon market solutions company, notes that "the negatives [of the carbon markets] are pretty far reaching. But the fact remains that we have 60 billion tons [of CO2] too many in the atmosphere. Even if the world magically switched to renewables tomorrow, we would still be in a climate disaster in 50 years." Offsetting projects provide a viable escape route.

-CONTACTS: Peak 365, peak365.co.uk; Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, www.pik-potsdam. de/en/home; Is Carbon Offsetting Greenwashing? The Big Picture, impactful.ninja/ is-carbon-offsetting-greenwashing/.

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ELLIOT children Guest Column with intellectual disabilities.

More than 180,000 Hoosier students have learning needs that require greater care to meet their abilities, and nothing is more important than ensuring the education of a child. As a proud schoolchoice parent, my wife and I were lucky to have options available for all of our children that met each of their learning needs.

But finding the correct educational choices can be intimidating, and parents can feel lost getting their children the services and support they need to receive a well-rounded learning experience.

The Indiana Education Scholarship Account is intended to help parents readily access the educational environment that best meets their student's learning needs.

Many students are still

ships to fund their college

tuition of approximately

\$25,000 at 4-year institu-

tions, according to the Na-

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Statistics, paying for a col-

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But the deadline to apply for these funds is Sept. 1, 2023 – just days away.

INESA allows parents to customize education for their children with disabilities who are receiving non-public education – such as private education, at-home learning, and other hybrid educational settings.

Parents can receive up to \$19,000 in scholarship funding for their child.

Parents of eligible students, or emancipated eligible students, can spend this scholarship money on pre-approved educational programs, therapies, services, and other expenses related to their child's education.

There are more than 300 providers throughout the state where INESA funds can be applied, including private-school tuition, educational services such as tutoring, camps, social/life skill programs, Applied Behavior Analysis therapy and speech/language, to name a few.

To qualify, students must be five years of age or older, in a K-12 grade level, and be less than 22 years of age by Oct. 1 of the school year they're currently participating in -- and the student must have a disability requiring special education services and at or below the income qualification. For a family of four, that income qualification limit is \$222,000.

Time is running out to apply for the 2023/2024 school year with the Sept. 1 application deadline. To date, \$3.86 million has been allocated to 333 students. There are still available funds for parents needing this support to ensure a quality education for their child.

Applying takes less than 10 minutes, and most applications are reviewed the same day. To learn more about the INESA and how to apply, parents should visit in.gov/tos/inesa.

\$10 million of funding and support are available – and we want to see every Hoosier student with disabilities in Indiana receive a quality education.

-Daniel M. Elliot is the Treasurer for the state of Indiana.

## BBB Tip: Beware Scholarship Scams When Searching For Financial Aid

receive a refund.

In another variation, a check arrives for the scholarship, and instructions are included to send back payment for taxes or fees. The check turns out to be a fake, and you're out whatever money was sent.

A consumer reported this version recently: "The business claims to have been around for 14 years, but the website has been up for two... The financial aid workshops are pitch meetings where they try to get you to pay \$2,000 for help with college admissions, but it turns out that help is limited to exchanging text messages with an unknown person. The contract's fine cial aid opportunities from falling victim to scholarship scams, the Better Business Bureau recommends following these guidelines:

•Beware of unsolicited offers. Typically, winning a scholarship or grant that wasn't applied for is impossible. Ask how the organization got your name and contact information, and then verify it with the source outside of the email, phone number, or website they used to contact you.

•Take your time. Avoid being rushed or pushed into paying for help at a seminar. Use caution if a representative urges you to buy now to avoid losing an opportunity.

•Ask lots of questions.



#### On Saturday, September 16th, Athens Arts will host the opening of: [untitled]3 a national juried exhibition The evening will be an art, music, and

The evening will be an art, music, and culinary pleasure event! We will celebrate the artists and announce the award winners of the juried exhibition.

Athens Arts is a tremendous asset to downtown Crawfordsville, the county, and the community bringing vibrant opportunities to engage the community in art and celebrating creativity! We appreciate your support and advocacy for the arts in our community. The national exhibition needs monetary award donors. **This is where you come in!** 

Your monetary support is vital in keeping the gallery open for local artists to share their talents, sell their art, and bring visual arts to the community. We thank you! For this special exhibition, we would like to extend the opportunity for you to be pART of the [untitled]3 celebration! Athens looks forward to allowing you to choose the award winner within levels. Athens Arts' board and artists appreciate your continued support. This prize money will go a long way to celebrate the artists!

#### Kindly fill out this form and return to be received no later than September 6, 2023.

Name:	
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Amount of award donation\*:

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\*Donations may be combined with other awards - award would be listed as: award given by ZXY company and CBA family

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Do you want to come to the gallery and choose the art piece for your award? (date/time TBA, Sept 14 or 15) A representative of Athens will contact you to set up a time.

Please make checks payable to Athens Arts. Mail this completed invoice with the check to: PO Box 207, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Attention: Diana McCormick, Director. If you prefer to pay by card, please contact the Director. Deadline to be included in the program is September 6, 2023



2022, detailing consumer interactions with unethical businesses claiming to provide students with financial guidance.

For students struggling to pay tuition, a sudden offer of a grant or scholarship can look like a dream come true. But it could be bait for a scam. This con hooks victims with the promise of money, but upfront "fees" never actually materialize into those much-needed funds. In a recent twist, these scammers claim to help with student loan forgiveness.

Better Business Bureau (BBB) recommends caution when dealing with companies that offer assistance in finding financial aid opportunities. Students and their families should be wary of websites, seminars, or other schemes that promise to find scholarships, grants, or financial aid packages for a fee.

How the scams work: Scammers typically claim to represent the government, a university, or a nonprofit organization. The details vary, but the con is the same. The scammer will pose as a financial aid representative using words like "National" and "Federal" to sound more official. They claim you have won a scholarship or a grant (without ever applying) and ask for payment of a one-time "processing fee." In another version, the scammer pressures you into applying for a "guaranteed" scholarship or grant. However, there is a fee to apply. Time goes by once the fee is paid, and the money is never sent. When attempting to contact a representative, it is quickly discovered that the company has set so many conditions that it is almost impossible to

print states that the person you are texting is not a professional and has no expertise in college admissions or financial aid."

Due to the sensitive personal and financial information provided for scholarship and grant applications, it is important to be cautious when choosing one to apply for. Of the 2.47 million full-time students enrolled in post-secondary institutions during the 2018-19 school year, 84% were awarded financial aid through student loans or federal, state, local, or institutional grants. On average, students were awarded slightly over \$5,000 from federal grants, such as FAFSA, and more than \$11,000 from institutional grants. While the amount awarded varies depending on the institution (public versus private or two-year versus four-year), applying for grants and scholarships is a great way to help ease the financial burden of attending college.

Legitimate companies are helping students find aid with some results. However, students and parents can usually find the same awards and others on their own by searching online. Prospective college financial aid offices can also help, especially if it is a college the student is seriously considering attending.

It is generally free to apply for scholarships. Information is available online at studentaid.gov for the different financial aid options. If you don't think you qualify for financial aid, review the Federal Student Aid website options, as many colleges and universities use it for non-need-based awards.

To protect students and parents searching for finan-

Be cautious if a company is reluctant to answer questions about the service or the process. If the company or seminar representative is evasive, walk away.

•Ask your guidance counselor or a college financial aid office whether they have experience with the company.

•Be skeptical of glowing success stories touted on websites or at seminars. Ask instead for the names of families in your community who have used the service in the last year. Talk to them and find out about their experience with the firm.

•Ask about fees associated with a professional financial aid search and determine if the company provides refunds. Get the information in writing but realize that dishonest companies may refuse to give refunds despite stated policies.

•Be aware that a check can bounce even after the bank allows cash withdrawal from the deposit. Check processing is a confusing business, as is the terminology. Even if a bank representative says that a check has "cleared," it is not sure that it won't be detected as a fake weeks later. One thing the account holder can be sure of is that they will be responsible for any funds drawn against the amount.

For more information and to learn how to protect yourself, Google "BBB 10 Steps to Avoid Scams". If you spot a scam, whether you have lost money or not, report it to BBB's Scam Tracker at BBB.org/ ScamTracker and the FTC at ReportFraud.ftc.gov. Your story can help protect consumers from similar scams.

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## **UKAREN** From Page A1



Photo courtesy of Karen Zach and Indianapolis Journal 24 June 1882 Major Charles Monroe Travis

Major Charles Monroe Travis

his father's (Samuel Hughes Davidson) mill and farm, teaching all the time while studying at night. He married Eliza Tice and they had one daughter, Annie. Don't believe he was ever partners with Lew or Willson but their influence carried him on to serve as circuit court judge from 1870-82, serving a wide number of nearby counties. Interestingly, he served as judge in the John C. Henning case, Henning being the second and last person hanged in Montgomery County. A Civil War soldier Co B 120th Indiana, he is buried in Oak Hill with quite a unique tombstone!

(Col) Samuel Campbell Willson was born in Cherry Valley, Otsego County NY in September 1810 (Crawfordsville Star 23 June 1881 p 4) and came to MoCo in 1836, entering a law partnership with Col. H.S. Lane the next year. In 1853, Lane retired from law and Willson became associated with Joe McDonald and six years thereafter with Lew Wallace. This lasted until the outbreak of the Civil War, after which Sam and his son, Levi were partners. Col. Willson (Lew somewhat as well) was an avid railroad enthusiast, in 1831, having ridden from Albany to Schenectady NY behind the first locomotive in America. In 1872, Willson rode the palace car from here to San Francisco in an unbroken trip. His grandfather was in the Revolutionary War, as well. At his death it was said, "None can fail to admire his well-moulded life, full of active, earnest work for the common good!" Great epithet! He, too, rests in OH. Bless each of you and wow that you were connected to Lew!

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## **UTASTE** From Page A1

Jazz Fest, and playing the lead role in the highly acclaimed Broadway revival of Pippin. Along the way he picked up a slew of "industry experts" who didn't quite know what to do with him and in the end he cut many of those ties in favor of working with a group of friends that he had known for years. This included the ultra-talented writer and producer BLEU whom Kaufman had known since high school.

At this point Kaufman knows who he is and also knows that he does not fit easily into the package that is sellable for the Spotify and Instagram age. He also knows that there is still a place for musicians who are able to connect with other humans deeply. He continues to write and release his own unique blend of soul, jazz, rock, funk, folk, and whatever else...

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that can only be described as Josh Kaufman. \*\*\*

#### **Past Music**

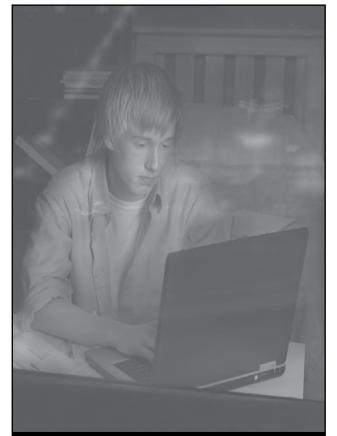
Past performers at the TASTE of Montgomery County have been popular and award-winning artists, including, The Warrior Kings, Jennie DeVoe, Highland Reign, Strawbury Jam, The Half Step Sisters, Laughing Jack, Maddie and the Roadies, Django Knight, Olga Berezhnaya, Flannel Jane, the Jason Wells Band, Steve Trent and Smalltown, the Big Swing Band, Emily Ann Thompson, the Leadsmen, the Balhinch Bunch, Him & Her, Nuthatch, Michael Kelsey, KSW@G, Healing Sixes, Cool City Band, Green Room Rockers, Midnight Special, Gordon Bonham, Woodstove Flapjacks, Tad Robinson, Diamond Hill Station, and the Dane Clark Band.











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