#### TODAY'S VERSE

Mark 8:38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

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Angela, Janeane, and Ashley are always ready to greet you with a smile at Crawfordsville Audiology! Thank you for sending in your smiles!

#### THREE THINGS You Should Know:

All veterans and active-duty military personnel, and everyone in their vehicle, will be admitted free to DNR state parks, reservoir properties, state forest recreation areas, and off-road state recreation areas on Veterans Day, Saturday, Nov. 11. Veterans and military personnel should simply let the gate attendant at the property they visit know that they are either a veteran or serving and on active duty.

Want to go to the massive Christmas Gift + Hobby Show at the Indiana State Fairgrounds - for free! Well, simply send us a photo with you and the front page of The Paper (online or print) and if we use that as our Faces of Montgomery County, you win tickets! It's that simple and easy! Just e-mail your photo to news@thepaper24-7.com and be sure to include your name and contact info. And hey, if you want to say something nice about The Paper, well, we always appreciate that! One more thing - supplies are limited and this is first come, first

It's a fact: you can get quite a headache if you drink too much wine. But balancing a bunch of wine glasses on your head can land you a page in the Guinness Book of World Records. In fact, Aristotelis Valaoritis, a native Cypriot, earned the coveted title recently when he managed to balance 319 wine glasses on his head while walking and dancing. It's a talent that, over the years, has earned him the title of "glass dancer." As he puts it, "I enjoy doing it. I see the spectators' faces full of tension and agony like they're watching a movie."

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#### **Around The County With The Arthur Family** This



**KAREN ZACH Around The County** 

whole family followed my loves in life: God, education and family history. Centering on Elijah Abraham Arthur, local minister at Milligan Memorial Presbyterian

church for many years, you will also read about his amazing family.

A brief overview of the brothers and sisters of EA will show you how impressive this family really is. John Franklin, the oldest, taught for years, then opened a book store in Redlands, Calif. A Baptist, he sang in the choir of his church. Next we have sister, Maude, who is marked in history as the first female doctor in Daviess County and headed the states welfare for some time. EA would name his daughter after this sister. Their sister, Martha was in charge of the school nurses in Cleveland, Ohio

The Humane Society of the

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**Animal Shelter Appreciation** 

and appreciate the role of

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ties all over the country. This

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Week in 1996 to acknowledge

By Gwynn Wills

(Redlands Daily 24 March 1927). Charles W (nicknamed Harley?) was a farmer in Buhl, Idaho and sadly died there in the County Poor Farm in late December 1933.

WWI soldier, Martin Luther Arthur was a well-loved physician in Patoka, Gibson County for over 40 years.

Hamilton M. was a practicing physician as well for more than 50 years in Gibson County. He was gung-ho on all types of organizations, including Masons, Eastern Star, Scottish Rite.

Austin Owen remained in Daviess County and farmed. William Arthur led a long. healthy life in Daviess County where he also farmed, married Clara Lett and parented at least two children, Ursula and Henry Hamilton.

Laura Jane married Douglas Ricks, a local farmer, had two sons, one named for her brother, Elijah and three daughters.

Nancy Ann married McLoed Washington Chappell and moved to the Minden, Nebraska area and was active in the American Legion, Rebekah Lodge, and OES. Two of her

**National Animal Shelter** 



Photo courtesy of Karen Zach

children were also physicians. Phoebe married James B. Meade and lived to be 90 years old. She was the mother of at least seven children, many living a long time, as well.

Emma passed at almost two and Sarah at age six, buried with their parents. Three others died at birth or shortly there-

What a family! Several physicians who had children who

See KAREN Page A5

## **A Christmas Appreciation Week Part 4**

bells ring . . . dreaming of a white Christmas? Well, stop hearing the songs in your head and start writing your own Christmas story!

We're having our first-ever Christmas story writing contest. The rules are pretty simple - write a story about something Christmasy and be sure

## **Story Contest** Chestnuts roasting . . . sleigh

# About The CONTEST

1. Entry deadline is noon Wednesday. Nov. 29 2. E-mail entries to ttimmons@ thepaper24-7.com. Please copy and paste the story in the body

of the e-mail. (We cannot accept attachments.) 3. We will gather the entries and get them to our panel of judges. 4. 750 to 1,000-word limit

5. Story must have a Montgomery County connection 6. Writer's name and contact information must be included 7. The work must be original and all rights must be owned by the writer and the writer grants permission to

The Paper of Montgomery County to publish the work 8. Winners will be notified and will be asked to submit a photo and brief bio to run with the story. 9. All decisions by judge's final

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Sunrise/Sunset RISE: 7:24 a.m. SET: 5:38 p.m.



**High/Low Temperatures** High: 59°F Low: 50 °F



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 World Freedom Day World Quality Day



#### What Happened On This Day

• 2009 20th anniversary of the fall of Berlin Wall. On this day, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, the last soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev and Polish ex-president and Noble Prize winner Lech Walesa walked through Brandenburg Gate in Berlin to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall.

• **1967** Rolling Stone makes its debut. The biweekly popular culture magazine was founded by Jann Simon Wenner in San Francisco.

• 1938 Night of broken glass. A pogrom against Jewish businesses,

synagogues, and Jews in Germany and Austria was carried out by Sturmabteilung troops and civilians.

#### **Births On This Day** • **1934** Carl Sagan American astronomer,

author • **1928** Anne Sexton American poet

#### **Deaths On This Day** • 2004 Stieg Larsson

Swedish writer • 1970 Charles de Gaulle French general, politician, President of France

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

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Try following the DASH diet (Google

Veteran's Day is Saturday. Know a veteran? Say thank you!





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told her about a job opening for

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## THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE November Community Forum:

Mayor Barton will be hosting his November Community Forum on Monday, November 13th from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Mayor's Office. This will be the Mayor's 126th community forum. This event is open to the public to come ask questions, discuss concerns, and learn more about anything regarding the city

🗢 TODAY'S QUOTE In celebration of our beginning our 20th year as a media company, we're sharing some famous quotations about newspapers this month. "Freedom of conscience, of education, of speech, of assembly are among the very fundamentals of democracy and all of them

would be nullified should freedom of the press every be successfully challenged." -Franklin D. Roosevelt

🗢 TODAY'S JOKE It's been a big news week for headlines involving

On Monday, someone swiped the toilets from the precinct.

Police Have Nothing To Go On. Thursday, a sinkhole swallowed half the station. Police Looking Into It

And on Sunday, thieves took all the wheels from Police Working Case Tirelessly

#### OBITUARIES None



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







PAGE A2 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023

#### Meeting Notes -

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

November 8, 2023 at 10 a.m.

I. Approval of the minutes from November 1, 2023.

II. Approval of the claims for the week of November 6, 2023.

III. Old Business IV. New Business

A. A request from Michael Demoret to use 2 parking spots on Pike Street at Pike Place on November 11th, December 8th & December 15th from 8am-6pm for his food truck

B. A request from Sam Hildebrand with Saint John's Episcopal Church to allow a roofing company to park their trailer on Whitlock Lane - date

C. A request from Wabash College for a burn ordinance abatement for

a bonfire at Wabash
D. A request from the
Crawfordsville Rotary
Club to sell hot chocolate
at the downtown Christ-

mas Parade on December 3rd - booth will be set up at Sugar Creek Eye Care E. A request from Gary Fishero to add a

Gary Fishero to add a street light at 2129 Traction Road

F. Open received

sealed bids for the Pedestrian Crossings at Elmore Street and Wabash Avenue project

G. Open received sealed bids for the Milligan Park Project

H. 2024 Storm Water Budget I. 2024 Central Garage

Budget J. 2024 Trash Service Budget

V. Departments Heads VI. Adjournment

# Amanda Eberly Appointed As Executive Director Of K14 Recruiting And Transition

Ivy Tech Community College is pleased to announce the appointment of Amanda Eberly as the Executive Director of K14 Recruiting and Transition. In her new role, Amanda will be instrumental in expanding relationships with school corporations, and furthering the mission of the college and campus by nurturing initiatives and activities that support K-12 partnerships. She will specifically focus on dual

credit and dual enrollment recruiting and career pathway initiatives designed to bolster student credential completion.

Eberly comes to Ivy
Tech with a wealth of
experience and a strong
background in education
and youth development.
She most recently served
as the Membership Team
Director for the Girl
Scouts of Central Indiana
where she led a team serving 16 west-central Indiana

counties. Prior to that role, she served as the director of development and as a college connection coach for Ivy Tech's Wabash Valley service area, as an extension educator and county director for Purdue Extension in Parke and Fountain counties, and as an agriculture science and business teacher at Seeger and Benton Central High Schools.

Eberly holds a Master of Science in Youth Devel-

opment & Agriculture Education and a Bachelor of Science in the same field, both from Purdue University. With over 20 years of experience in the education sector, Amanda's expertise in strategic organizational advancement, team leadership, and project management makes her a valuable addition to our team.

Eberly has a passion for youth development. She looks forward to making an impact in this new role.



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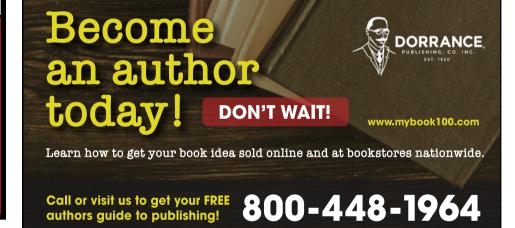
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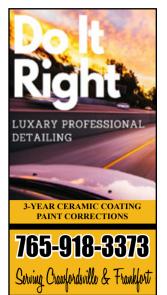
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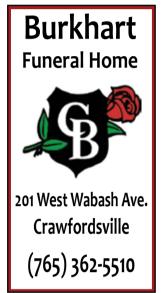
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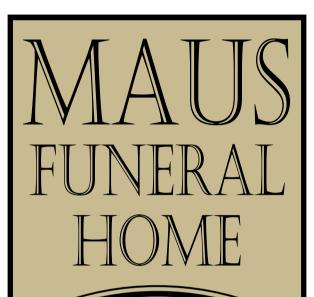


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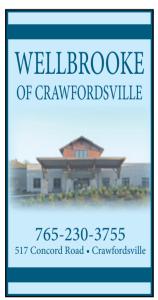


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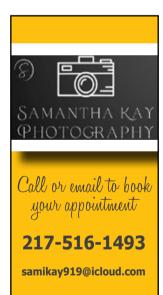
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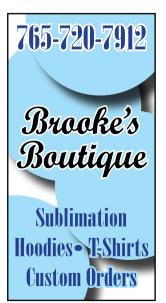
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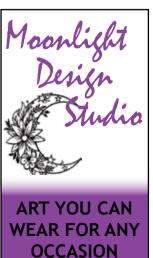




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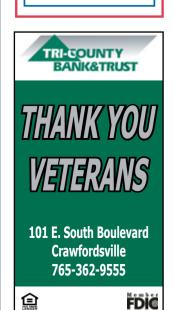


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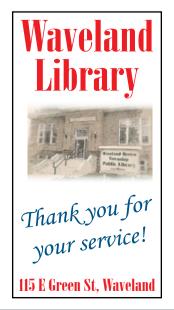




















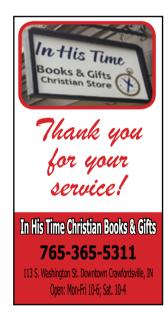




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#### **U** KAREN From Page A1

went into the profession as well as multiple ministers, teachers and farmers.

Born on the last day of July 1870 in Daviess County, Indiana, EA Arthur was the son of James Robinson also born in Daviess and Lettie Steen Arthur. EA spent his younger years on his father's farm with his 11 brothers and sisters who lived to adulthood, being 15 total. Both parents were active members of the community and loved their Baptist Chapel, built on property given by the Arthurs, almost all the boys IOOF members and girls The Rebekahs.

Now, back to my main interest, Rev. Elijah Abraham Arthur. EA was either in a war situation or a group honoring soldiers pretty much his whole life, especially after obtaining his degree (at age 30, by the way) from Franklin College and graduating from the Theological Seminary of Lebanon, Tennessee in 1905 (Dr. of Divinity - Indianapolis Star, 6 Sept 1943). His mother (Lettie Steen Arthur) was quite proud of her ancestors and one in particular had a great influence for generations on this family dating back to Lt. Col. James Steen who fought in one of the largest Revolutionary battles of all, one in which I had two direct ancestors (George Barker, Sr. and Jr.) - King's Mountain. My two made it out alive but Col. Steen "fell mortally wounded, while leading a band of patriots in that great battle." (James Ford Arthur's application to Sons of the American Revolution - note he was Rev. EA's son - told ya' many generations). EA was state president of SAR and on the board of directors for

many years. The good reverend sure gave his share of life to the cause of freedom. As a private in the Spanish American War (Co E 158th Indiana) he served on the Mexican Border and in 1916 was chaplain for many years as a National Guardsman (2nd regiment) plus served overseas during WWI as a chaplain (Evansville Courier 8 Sept 1943). At the onset of our involvement in WWI, he wrote a letter to all newspapers in Indiana requesting socks, sweaters, wrist and head warmers for his 152nd

ery County somehow. It

could be a touching story

special memory. It could

be a complete work of

fiction where you go for

a ride on Santa's sleigh?

write that Santa spends

his summers baling hay

on a Montgomery County

Hey, maybe someone will

from your childhood and a

was involved in were the Spanish War Vets, long time chaplain of the local Byron Cox American Legion Post, Odd Fellows, Masons (32nd degree) and several more. One thing for sure, he was gone to almost any get-together (Memorial Days; Graduations; 4th of July; all type of memorials...) to speak

or give the prayer. His pastorates (Presbyterian) included Logansport, Vincennes, Edinburg, Covington and lastly Crawfordsville where he and wife, Eva Ford lived much of their married life and are buried (Oak Hill – thanks to Therry Schwartz for the awesome photo).

Many will remember the Rev. Arthur's daughter, Maude Arthur, teacher at CHS for almost 40 years, deacon of the Milligan Memorial Presbyterian Church, active in the Montgomery County Historical Society, Eastern Star and Delta Kappa Gamma. DAR? Think so.

Her brother, Lillard Dale was active in educational endeavors and SAR at Charlotte NC and was a well-loved dentist there. He married Elizabeth Loughery and they were parents of at least two sons: Thomas and John Steen.

The other child of Rev. and Eva was James Ford Arthur, who lived in Evansville, married to Emma Piersing and was a postal clerk for 38 years. He had one daughter (Mary Ann) and one son (see below). Called Ford, he attended Franklin College as did many Arthurs. EA and Eva also raised his nephew, Richard.

In December 1930 the Rev., Eva and a grandchild had a severe car wreck, the grandchild with a broken arm, Eva a broken wrist and the good minister the worst with a broken vertebra. Never afterward in his usual power, he continued his work in organizations and some preaching until 4 Sept 1943, Eva living with Maude until her passing in 1971. Certainly, one interesting, impressive MoCoian!

- Karen Zach is the editor of Montgomery Memories, our monthly magazine all about Montgomery County. Her column, Around the County, appears each Thursday in The Paper of Montgomery County. You can reach her at karen.zach@

## **Apps To Help You Save The Planet**

#### **EARTHTALK**

Dear EarthTalk: What are some apps that help individuals save the planet?

Most of us spend upwards of three hours on our smartphones every day. Much of our phone time is spent messaging friends and family, scrolling through social media feeds, watching video shorts and playing mindless games—but what if we could use it more productively to help save the planet? Not surprisingly, there are dozens of apps out there designed to solve environmental issues. Whether you want to cut your carbon footprint, reduce food waste, or save water, there's an app (or two) out there for it.

One of the hottest sustainability-oriented apps out there these days is Too Good to Go, which connects customers to restaurants and stores that have surplus unsold food that can be procured for significantly discounted prices. The Olio app works along similar lines—connecting neighbors with each other and with local businesses to share surplus food. Olio can be used to find new owners for your old non-food items as well, keeping more stuff in use

and out of landfills. Eco-conscious fashionistas can rejoice over how the Good On You app allows them to check on the sustainability records and ethical stances of more than 3,000 different fashion brands. The app is a great companion on clothes shopping excursions; you can look up different brands as you browse and make purchasing decisions accordingly. Over a million users worldwide also use the app to discover alternative ethical and sustainable fashion brands that they might not have ever heard about otherwise. Another app focused on the intersection of sustainability and fashion, ThreadUp, offers users the ability to quickly list used clothing items for sale so others can appreciate them. Who knew thrifting was actually eco-friendly?

If you're worried about pollutants and irritants in your personal care and beauty products, Think Dirty might just be the app for you. Scan the barcode from any health and beauty product on the store shelf through the app and find out what ingredients are in it so you can determine whether or not to buy/

Of course, there are lots of apps out there to help you reduce your carbon footprint. One of the most engaging is Oroeco. Use this app to track your life activities, such as what you eat, how you get around, etc. and see how much climate impact you have. You can also compete with other users-and earn badges—in friendly competitions to "gamify" your impact reduction efforts. Another favorite is Giki Zero, which provides users with a free and personalized guide—based on answers you provide about your lifestyle—on how to reduce your carbon footprint.

Saving water is becoming increasingly important in this warming-fueled drought-stricken age we are in now. The Waterprint app allows users to conveniently track their water usage and compete with friends. Users list the products they buy, and the water footprint of each product is then used to calculate their water usage. Competing with friends provides a strong incentive to reduce unnecessary water usage, which helps to improve water sustainability around the world.

Who knew that our smartphones could be such important tools for saving the planet?

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Welfare League. So in July of 2020, Destinee embarked on her new career as the official Cat Person and Foster Coordinator at the Montgomery County Animal Welfare League.

Destinee makes it her personal mission to see the cats in her care are loved and socialized in an effort to expedite and insure successful adoptions. "Unfortunately," she says, "you know there are some you cannot help due to illness and old age and that takes a toll mentally." Wise beyond her years, Destinee admits to having blue days, but offers giving and receiving love from her feline friends is worth the pain. Destinee has brought eight cats from the shelter into the home she shares with husband, Jake, who also works occasionally at the shelter and son, Conner, who inherited her love of animals. She admits to at least one of her eight cats as being a "Foster failure". Sometimes she will bring an older cat home just so it may live out its last months or days on earth in a safe and loving

space. When she first started working at the Shelter, Destinee admits to having insomnia, thinking about all of the saw every day. She says it is not unusual for her to grab a clean dog bed and blanket and stretch the cat rooms for a nap during her lunch hour. She states that while

unwanted animals she

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out on the floor in one of some cats adapt easily to the shelter life, others become stressed and sick as a result. By providing a safe and loving environment, Destinee hopes to bring some comfort to the felines who are in

survival mode.

Destinee longs for all the cats and kittens at AWL to be healthy and to know that they will all find deserving homes. That seems unrealistic given the exorbitant number of cats and kittens currently at the shelter. On any given day, a visitor may see close to 150-200 cats housed in a facility built to accommodate many less than what is being cared for.

Saying Montgomery County is lucky to have such a wise and caring young individual working at AWL is an understatement. Destinee is a blessing to the community and the cat rooms. Just be sure and tiptoe when visiting cat areas - you don't want to disturb love at work in case Destinee and the cats are napping.

#### **BBB Scam Alert: Social** Media Gift Exchange Is An **Illegal Pyramid Scheme**

A "Secret Santa" around the office or with friends and family can be fun. A gift exchange among online friends you haven't met is a little different and carries a heftier consequence. While these gift exchanges look like innocent fun, they are pyramid schemes and illegal.

The "Secret Sister" gift exchange campaign quickly became popular several years ago through Facebook posts promising participants would receive up to 36 gifts in exchange for sending one gift. Each holiday season, the scheme pops back up. A newer version of this scam revolves around exchanging bottles of wine; another suggests purchasing \$10 gifts online. You might see references to receiving "happy mail" or doing the exchange "for the good of the sisterhood." During the 2023 holiday season, be aware of variations of this theme that may crop up on

social media. How the scam works: The scheme starts with a convincing invitation, either by email or social media, to sign up for a great, fun program. All you must do is provide your name and address and the personal information of a few additional friends and tack this information onto a list that's already started of people you've never met on the internet. Next, it's your turn to send an email or social media invitation to send a modest gift or bottle of wine to a stranger along with their friends, family, and contacts.

A newer twist on the idea asks you to give your e-transfer email and ask users to pick a name off a list and send money to strangers to "pay it forward." There was another new twist called "Secret Santa Dog," where you are asked to buy a \$10 gift for a "secret dog.'

In all of these versions, you give away your personal information, and you're left with buying and shipping gifts or money to unknown individuals in hopes that the favor is reciprocated by receiving the promised number of gifts in return. Unfortunately, it doesn't happen. Like any other pyramid scheme, it relies on recruiting individuals to keep the scam afloat. Once people stop participating in the gift exchange, the gift

supply also stops, leaving

hundreds of disappointed people without their promised gifts or cash.

It should be noted that pyramid schemes are illegal in the US. The U.S. Postal Inspection Services explains that these gift exchanges are considered a form of gambling and that participants could be penalized for jail time, fines, or a lawsuit for mail fraud.

There is another layer of danger to participating in these schemes. When signing up, the alleged campaign organizer asks for personal information such as a mailing address or an email. With just a few pieces of information, cyber thieves could expose you to future scams or commit identity theft.

The next time someone promises a bounty of gifts or cash by mail, email, or social media, BBB recommends the following:

Ignore it! Keep in mind that pyramid schemes are international. Chain letters involving money or valuable items and promising big returns are illegal. Stop and ask, is it worth breaking the law? Report it instead to the U.S. Postal Inspection

Report social media posts. If you receive an invitation to join a pyramid scheme on social media, report it to Facebook by clicking in the upper right-hand corner and selecting "report post" or "report photo."

Never give your personal information to strangers. This will open you up to identity theft and other scams.

Be wary of false claims. Some pyramid schemes try to win your confidence by claiming they're legal and endorsed by the government. These imposter schemes are false, as the government will never endorse illegal activity. No matter what they claim, pyramid schemes will not make you rich. You will receive little to no money back on your "investment" or gift exchange.

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/Scam-Tracker and the FTC at ReportFraud.ftc.gov. Your story can help protect consumers from similar scams.

#### **Governor Appoints** Infantry boys! **New State Building** Other organizations he sbcglobal.net. **()** CONTEST Commissioner From Page A1 to connect it to Montgom-

where your story goes is up to you.

If you want a chance to be published and want to tell your very own tale of Christmas, write it up and send it to us. And keep an eye on The Paper of Montgomery County as the holidays draw closer and we publish the top entries – as judged by our expert panel of top-notch judges!



Thanks for reading The Paper!

Governor Eric J. Holcomb has appointed Alan L. Blunk as the new **Indiana State Building** 

Commissioner.

Blunk, a six-year leader of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security Plan Review Section, has supervised a team of building plan reviewers responsible for more than 70,000 construction design releases during his tenure. By law, the IDHS Plan Review Section must approve all plans and designs for Class 1 structures (non-residential, publicly accessible buildings) before construction begins. Blunk also has worked with architectural and engineering firms and is certified in Indiana and Arizona with the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB).

Blunk served as the section chief under Craig Burgess, the previous State Building Commissioner who recently retired. Blunk said he plans to continue business as usual in his new role while streamlining the business review process and improving customer service to builders across

"I'm proud to have earned this appointment and look forward to

working to ensure a timely, consistent, fair, accurate and thorough project experience for each client while continuing to foster goodwill for IDHS across the state," said Blunk, who will begin his new

role on Nov. 13. Blunk began in 2013 as a Senior Plan Reviewer with IDHS. He is a certified fire inspector, commercial building inspector and plans examiner by the International Code Council. He earned bachelor's degrees in architecture and science in environmental design from Ball State University and since has served as an architect or project manager on 150 projects across 34 years in the industry.

**IDHS Executive Direc**tor Joel Thacker praised Blunk for his longstanding achievements in the industry and the consis-

public safety in future construction across the

tency and leadership he will bring to the role as State Building Commissioner. "Alan will continue to serve the state of Indiana well in this role as he has for the past decade,"

Thacker said. "He leads a high-functioning team of plan reviewers and is the best choice to ensure

state."