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Sparking interest



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Jen Leininger, John Pryor and Dave Riggs drive a 1920 Frick Eclipse steam engine Thursday down a path on the eastern portion of Jay County Fairgrounds. Jen's husband, Matt Leininger, and Riggs both own the 11-ton steam engine that has been visiting the Tri-State Antique Gas Engine and Tractor Show since 2016. Leininger and Riggs have been attending shows in Indiana nearly all their lives, having met at one nearly 40 years ago.

Friends keep Frick engine firing away at Tri-State show

By BAILEY CLINE The Commercial Review

A procession of golf carts made its way toward the northeast end of Jay County Fairgrounds.

Carts traveling from all directions met Thursday evening at the dimly lit pull track. Drivers parked their carts and turned off their headlights

begin soon.

A few minutes later, steam whooshed through a set of pipes and into the air. A 1920 Frick Eclipse

propelled forward. Burning ashes erupted from the steam engine's smoke stack, lighting up the track and the faces of its cheering audience as it

chugged along. Watching others experience the show for the first time keeps the magic alive for steam engine coowner Matt Leininger. The 1920 Frick Eclipse he co-owns with Dave Riggs is one of two mobile steam engines at the Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show this year.

Leininger, 52, and

Riggs, 53, have been attending tractor and engine shows since their childhood. They've been friends for nearly all their lives, having met at the Tipton Mid-America Threshing and Antiques Show more than 40 years of a 1920 Frick ago. They co-own several Eclipse's smoke stack other antique pieces, Thursday night. Every including a The spark show would and a 1917 Port Huron engine.

"We joke we have more property community together than most married couples," Leininger smiled. "He's like a brother (to me).'

The history behind their steam engine stems further back than their friendship or their lifes-

Riggs explained a famuse with its saw mill. (It would've been worth about \$3,000 at that time.) The family used the steam engine "'til it was about wore out," he said.

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Sparks shoot out evening at the Tri-State Antique Gas Engine and Tractor Show, the steam engine arrives at the pull track on the fairgrounds. Operators toss sawdust into the furnace, causing sparks to light on fire and spew out the top.



Former trustee gets 21 months in prison

Miller pleaded guilty to wire fraud in 2021

By RAY COONEY The Commercial Review

FORT WAYNE — A former local elected official has been sentenced to nearly two years in prison for wire fraud.

Katina Miller, 50, a former Bearcreek Township Trustee, was sentenced Thursday by United States District Court Judge Holly A. Brady to 21 months in prison.

She was also ordered to pay \$86,755.39 in restitution. Following her time in prison, she will have two years of supervised release.

Miller, now of Montpelier, had pleaded guilty to one count of wire fraud in February 2021. In a press release at that time, acting U.S. Attorney Gary T. Bell said she admitted to "devising a scheme to divert money for her benefit." Her sentencing hearing had been delayed repeatedly in the interim.

She had been charged with two counts of wire fraud in January 2021.

Court documents filed in connection with the case alleged that Miller embezzled the \$86,755.39 in township funds over a four-year period from 2015 through 2018. The accusations against her included using township bank accounts to pay for personal expenses via debit cards, ATM withdrawals and checks made out to herself.

"As the Trustee, Miller was responsible for the financial processes of the Township," a Department of Justice press release said Thursday. "Miller violated her fiduciary responsibility to the citizens of Bearcreek Township by converting public money for her own personal bene-

A Democrat, Miller was uncontested for trustee in the 2014 general election. She lost in the 2018 primary to Crystal Laux, who continues to serve as Bearcreek Township Trustee.

Questions about the township's finances surfaced soon after Laux took

See Trustee page 2

Ukraine nuclear plant cut off energy g

Incident causes mass power outages

after fire damages transmission line

By JOHN HUDSON The Washington Post

KYIV, Ukraine — Ukraine's largest nuclear power plant was cut off from the country's electricity grid, setting off a mass power outage in the adjacent area after fires damaged its last functioning transmission line, Ukraine's nuclear power company said Thursday.

kicked in and helped sustain energy plant in Europe and is and to urgent calls from many crucial operations, but the incident heightened fears of a disaster at the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant (ZNPP), the plant has led to acute wor-

located in an area occupied by invading Russian forces. Fighting in the vicinity of

world leaders for U.N. nuclear experts to be allowed to visit the site.

Russian and Ukrainian offi- off.

Emergency backup systems which is also the largest atomic ries of a potential catastrophe cials traded blame for shelling at the plant, which they said had resulted in the disconnection from the power grid — the first time it has ever been cut shelling.

In a dramatic speech on Thursday, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said the backup systems had already narrowly prevented a radioactive calamity.

"Today, for the first time in story, the Zaporizhzhia history, nuclear power plant stopped," Zelensky said. "The emergency protection of the power units worked, after the last working line of the plant's power return to the Ukrainian power system was damaged by Russian

See Plant page 5

Deaths

Jay County had a high temperature of 83 degrees Thursday. The low was 61.

Weather

Tonight's low will be in the low 60s again. Expect mostly sunny skies Saturday with a high of 83.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Chris Snow and Marcie Vormohr both filed Thursday to run for Jay School Board. Snow, the incumbent in District 1, will run in District 5 against Ron Laux after having moved from his previous district. Vormohr, Snow's aunt, will run against Mike Foreman and Chad Bricker for the District 1 seat.

Coming up

Saturday — Results from tonight's JCHS football game against Huntington North.

Tuesday — Photos from weekend events including Win of the Wabash.



Peggy Fleming, 94, Redkey Details on page 2.

Senate debate is set for October

Indiana Capital Chronicle

indianacapitalchronicle com The Indiana Debate Commis-

sion will host a live televised U.S. Senate debate in this fall's midterm election.

The debate, to be held October 16, will include all three candi-

Republican U.S. Senator Todd ting voters first," said Commisquestions for the debate can do and challengers Thomas McDersion President Elizabeth Benson bere. mott, a Democrat, and James Sceniak, a Libertarian.

"The Commission is pleased to continue its long tradition as an independent, non-partisan, volunteer-driven organization dates on the ballot: incumbent focused solely on the goal of put-

nion. "We have hosted debates for all of Indiana's U.S. Senate contests since 2010 and look forward to a vigorous, engaging, and informative debate this

Hoosiers interested in sending

Fleming

Broadcast time will be 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. The debate will be conducted in the studios of WFYI-TV in Indianapolis, and a feed will be available for broadcast and live streaming by media outlets statewide.

Details such as the format, moderator, and procedures for submitting questions for the candidates will be available soon.

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Lotteries

Powerball

Estimated \$115 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$135 million

Hoosier

Midday Daily Three: 0-4-6 Daily Four: 1-6-0-5 Quick Draw: 13-16-21-22-25-26-36-37-39-46-47-53-57-58-59-62-64-65-70-77 Evening

Daily Three: 0-2-5 Daily Four: 3-5-4-6 Quick Draw: 2-3-5-6-9-

jackpot: 64-71-73-75-77-78

Cash 5: 16-20-28-32-40 Estimated jackpot: \$314,500

Midday Pick 3: 8-6-4 Pick 4: 8-0-7-6 Pick 5: 8-5-8-6-0 Evening Pick 3: 9-2-2 Pick 4: 6-6-0-2 Pick 5: 5-8-7-5-0 Rolling Cash: 17-19-27-

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Wheat	7.46

Today in history

In 1682, astronomer Edmond Halley the comet observed that was later named after him.

sey and John Fitch then starred in "Mike were each granted a federal patent for the steamboat. They were rivals who were fighting over claims to the invention. Fitch had demonstrated a steamboat four years earlier.

In 1883, the volcano Krakatoa began to erupt in Indonesia. The eruption would lead to 36,000 deaths.

In 1936, Egypt became a sovereign state after 50 years of British occupation as Anglo-Egyptian Treaty was signed.

In 1966, the Namibian War of Independence began when the South African Defense Force attacked members of the South-West Africa People's Organization. Namibia gained its independence from South Africa in 1990.

song "Hey Jude" was released. It was Billboard's song of the year and was 10th on the chart's list of days. His death was biggest songs of all-ruled a suicide. time in 2013.

In 1970, comedian and actress Melissa McCarthy was born in Plainfield, Illinois. She was on "Gilmore Girls" In 1791, James Rum- for seven years and & Molly."

> In 1971, Bobby Orr became the first NHL player to have a \$1 million contract when he signed with the Boston Bruins.

> In 1972, Loyd Thurston of Shelbyville won the old fiddlers contest at the Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show.

> In 1978, Albino Cardinal Luciani was elected pope, taking the name John Paul I. He died of a heart attack just 33 days later.

> **In 1999**, Russia launched the Second Chechen War, responding to the invasion of Dagestan by the Islamic International Peacekeeping Brigade.

In 2020, Christopher S. Jackson, 36, of Portland was found dead in In 1968, the Beatles the southwest area of Loblolly Marsh Nature Preserve in northern Jay County. He had been missing for three

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Citizen's calendar

Monday

9:30 a.m. — Jay County Public Library Board Board 315 N. Ship St., Portland. Portland.

Thursday

4 p.m. — Portland of Works, Policy Committee, Commayor's office, city hall, munity Room, library, 321 N. Meridian St.,

Obituaries

Peggy Fleming

April 10, 1928-Aug. 24, 2022 Peggy Phyllis Fleming, 94, of Redkey, Indiana, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2022, at

Albany Health Care & Rehabilitation Cen-

Peggy was born in Redkey, Indiana, on April 10, 1928, a daughter of the late Florence (Smith) and Ray E. Rees. She was a graduate of Redkey High School, a mem-

ber of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Dunkirk, Indiana, and the loving wife of Richard Dalton Fleming who she happily married on May

29, 1946, and sadly lost on Dec. 15,

Peggy was a devoted homemaker, who took great pride in her home, yard and gardens. She also loved cooking, baking, word search books, jigsaw puzzles, spending time with family and spoiling neighborhood children with fresh baked goods and her homemade sweet tea.

She is survived by one son, Ronald Fleming (Peggy); one daughter, Rhonda Cunliffe (Tom); six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Peggy was preceded in death by her parents; husband Dick; two brothers, Keith Rees and Floyd (Bud) Rees; and one sister, Glenda (Tootie) Brunson.

Graveside services will be held on

Monday, Aug. 29, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. at Hillcrest Cemetery in Redkey, Indiana, with Father Kevin Hurley officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Redkey Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 448, Redkey, IN 47373.

Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

Trustee

Continued from page 1 Board of Accounts in February 2019 showed Miller failed to file several financial records — they included the 2015 annual financial report and various bank statements — during

her time in office despite A compliance report repeated requests. The from the Indiana State board of accounts report also said Miller did not provide necessary documents to the IRS and that the township's firefighting fund was overdrawn by nearly \$16,000 in 2017.

tor of serious financial problems which should be investigated by the unit," the board of accounts report said.

Laux, who testified during Thursday's hearing, said about half the resti-"Routinely overdrawn tution money will go to ecutor.

funds could be an indica- Bearcreek Township. The other half will go toward covering the costs of the investigation.

> The FBI and state board of accounts investigated the case and Assistant U.S. Attorney Stacey R. Speith served as the pros-

Capsule Reports

Trial canceled

A Jay Circuit Court trial that was scheduled for Wednesday has been

Jurors do not need to report.

COVID stays low

In the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention update Thursday, Jay County had a low community level of COVID-19 for the second straight week.

After a long stretch of low COVID levels, the county was dolph and Delaware counties had Dunkirk City Park.

either medium or high from July 14 through Aug. 10 before numbers began decreasing early this month.

Jay County has recorded singledigit new case totals for 20 consecutive days after having a dozen apiece on Aug. 1 and 2. It is averaging 5.6 new cases per day this month, down from 7.31 in July.

Jay County is one of just 10 counties in the state to be rated low this week. It was joined at that level by Adams and Wells counties. RanBlackford was medium. In Ohio, Darke County had a high community level while Mercer County was medium.

high community levels while

Recycling available Jay County Solid Waste Manage-

ment District will have recycling trailers available Saturday.

Trailers will be open from 9 a.m. to noon in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and

WIC outage planned **By WHITNEY DOWNARD**

Indiana Capital Chronicle

indianacapitalchronicle.com Hoosiers who use supplemental food benefits under the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program will be unable to go grocery shopping this weekend and lose any benefits due to expire during that time.

From 6 p.m. today, the

Health updates its data warehousing system, with resume on Monday. During that time, vendors - such as grocery stores — will need to replace

their point-of-sale devices with new ones, which will process the benefits under the new system.

Additionally, the client portal, phone number on process will shut down as the back of the card and the Indiana Department of app will be unavailable.

Felony arrests

Unlawful possession

A Dunkirk man was arrested Thursday unlawful possession of a syringe.

Jerry D. Davis, 39, 340 E. Mt. Auburn St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony. He has also been charged in Jay Superior Court with unlawful possession of a syringe and possession of a narcotic drug, both Level 6 felonies, along with resisting law enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor, and possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor.

He's being held on \$33,000 in total bonds at Jay County Jail.

Saturday

merce St., Portland.

Monday

Fleming, Peggy: 3:30 p.m.,

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Portland, Indiana 47371 (260) 726-9201

SERVICES

Gordon, Barbara: 2 p.m.,

Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Com-

Hillcrest Cemetery, Redkey.

Service listings provided by

progressiveofficeproducts.com

The Jay County Commissioners are taking applications for the position of

JAY COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

through noon on September 2nd.

Applications may be picked up at and returned to the Jay County Auditor's Office at 120 North Court Street in Portland, Indiana. Job Description available upon request.

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Truth revealed after couple lives together

ing a hard time deciding what to do about my engagement to my fiance. We met at our old job. Before we got together, he was with someone else, and while he says he didn't leave her for me, I am sure I helped.

I have low self-esteem, so I couldn't understand why he left her for me. But cared about me so much because he could have still been friends with her. I did tell him that I wouldn't care as long as I knew. We finally moved into an apartment together, and he started a new job with an old friend he drinks with.





Since the move, he has become very verbally abusive, and I have developed he told me I was lucky he anxiety and panic attacks. I have also developed a fear of driving. He tells me I need to quit being stupid and to grow up. He doesn't like to talk about problems. He likes to pretend they never happened. If I try to discuss things that upset me, there is always an argument and insecure, domineering, I'm out early for a medical another thought. What do les, CA 90069.

When I work late or if I'm has a drinking problem. not home, he gets upset, If the answer is no, drinks and breaks stuff.

He proposed a year into arrangements. our relationship when things were OK. I'm trying to do anything I can to make this not miserable, but it's not enough. What do you think I should do? NOT REALLY HAPPY IN MICHIGAN

DEAR NOT REALLY HAPPY: When problems can't be discussed, they also can't be resolved. I think it's time to calmly evaluate the status quo and decide if you really want to spend the rest of your life with an

I'm always in the wrong. abusive partner who or dental appointment, you think? — PASSING IT make other living **Pack** belongings, inform the him romance is over (do this only when he is sober AND you have a wit-

> If you have any reato think this son charmer may become violent, first call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233 to put together a safe escape plan. Believe me, you can do better than this.

ness) and leave.

DEAR ABBY: Whenever

early church services, etc., I usually stop at a fast-food drive-through and bring home breakfast. My neighbor is a single mother who works at home due to the pandemic. and I buy something for her and her son and leave it on her porch. I remember times when I was still working and a coworker would bring in breakfast treats, and how much I enjoyed them.

My wife has told me to stop because, she says, my neighbor will think I'm a "dirty old man." My neighbor and I hardly ever speak except to say

ON IN PENNSYLVANIA

PASSING: DEAR When you pick up those breakfasts, do you bring something home for your wife as well? If the answer is no, your wife may be insecure about the attention you are paying to this neighbor. From my perspective, what you have been doing is a kindness.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com hello, and I never give her P.O. Box 69440, Los Ange-

Pittsburgh doctor connects practice with yoga

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Tribune News Service

PITTSBURGH — Dr. Natalie Gentile stands in an exercise studio in Pittsburgh's Strip District, leading a workout class as soothing music plays and images of Pittsburgh flow on a massive screen.

"Inhale, up dog, tops of the feet flat," she says, confidently shepherding the students through yoga poses and strength exercises. The class this month was part of a series of pop-up events promoting a wellness center that Gentile plans to open in Pittsburgh early next year.

The wellness center will be located in the same building as a new office of Gentile's medical practice, Direct Care Physicians of Pittsburgh, representing the seamless connection that Gentile hopes to draw between wellness and primary care medi-

Often in primary care medi-

Wellness center located in same building as medical office

health risks that they need to make lifestyle changes, such as exercising more or eating more healthfully — and that's where it ends. Without more encouragement or tools, the patients often difficulty have following through, Gentile said.

'What I found myself doing with patients, I found myself getting on the floor with them doing planks, talking about cooking tofu," she said. "It was just how I practiced medicine."

She plans to expand that incine, a doctor tells patients who office advice with the new well- myths about wellness. Some are pre-diabetic or have other ness center. She is calling it patients come to her with an all- It also will host cooking and wanted the space to do it.

Rebel Wellness, a nod to her complicated relationship with the "wellness" industry.

"I've been involved in the wellness industry knowing or not knowing it for the majority of my life — always into fitness, playing sports, diet, what we were eating in our home, what I should and should not be eating was always on my mind," she said. "I struggled with disordered eating for many years."

With her patients, she finds herself continually debunking or-nothing mentality about diet nutrition classes in a teaching and exercise, she said, believing that if they are not adhering to restrictive diets or highly regimented exercise routines, it's not worth trying at all. Others come in with the attitude that their body is broken, looking for solutions in supplements and medications. And some just have the mentality that certain foods or certain body types are bad or shameful.

'We called it Rebel Wellness because it's rebelling against the typical norm that we see in the wellness industry," she said.

With the new studio, she hopes to spread that mindset not just to her patients but also to the community at large. In addition to fitness classes such as yoga, strength training and group fitness, Rebel Wellness also will have two seats in every class reserved people who pay whatever they can afford — part of Gentile's effort to remove barriers for people to access fitness.

kitchen and other workshops such as mindfulness groups. The facility will have offices for three different types of therapists, she said.

Gentile, who is board certified in lifestyle medicine and teaches at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, also will continue some of her efforts to expand access to wellness medicine. She leads the Highland Park chapter of "Walk with a Doc," which meets at the Highland Park fountain the first Friday of each month at 10 a.m. She also recently started a YouTube channel focused on plant-based food tips and recipes and at-home workouts.

She hopes all the medical wellness knowledge will culminate into Rebel Wellness. "I always thought I'd have a wellness center," she said. "I wanted something that really got back to the basics of what I was teaching my patients and I

Community Calendar

Community Calendar as Lutheran Church, 218 E. space is available. To sub-High St., Portland. For an item, email news@thecr.com.

Saturday

PORTLAND FARMERS Saturday in the parking lot at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St.

MISSISSINEWA CHAP-TER OF DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVO-LUTION — Will meet at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at Jay County Historical Museum in Portland and travel to Fort Recovery for a historical tour and Fort Recovery State Museum visit. Members and guests are invited. Attendees should bring a lunch. Call Kathy Selman at (260) 251-1694 or Sue Sommers at (260) 726-2678.

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-

Notices will appear in a.m. at Zion Evangelical more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

Monday

PORTLAND at Richards Restaurant.

BRYANT AREA COM-MUNITY CENTER Walking from 9:30 to 10:30 every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

EUCHRE Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is MOUS — Will meet at 10 located at 216 S. Meridian

St., Portland. Hours are 1 to Hospital. Open discussion 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

BREAD OF LIFE COM-BREAK- MUNITY FAMILY MEAL MARKET — Will be held FAST OPTIMISTS — Will — Will be served from 5:30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury Unit- step program for those in Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m., in the fellowship hall at Evangelical Methodist Church, 930 W. Main St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5312.

NARCOTICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 6 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

Tuesday

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is welcome.

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay

for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

THE LANDING — A 12ed Methodist Church, 204 E. sixth through 12th grade will meet at 5:55 p.m. each Tuesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland, For more information, call (260) 703-0777 or (260) 726-5273.

> A BETTER LIFE – BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-

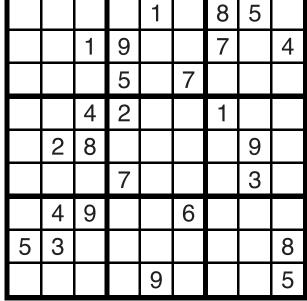
> ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

NARCOTICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland.





Sudoku



Level: Advanced

Thursday's Solution

The objective is to fill a nine-by nine grid so that 5 each column, each row, and each of the nine three-by-2 6 three boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains 8 9 the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each. 6 8 3 6



Health care needs deeper changes

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
Tribune News Service

They began as debt collectors, trying to get people burdened by medical costs to pay up.

Guest But the con-**Editorial** versations

had persuaded them to do something else — something better. Through listening to people explain their struggles, Craig Antico and Jerry Ashton "would understand and have better insights into the struggles people were challenged with," said the CEO of the nonprofit they founded, RIP Medical Debt.

The Occupy Wall Street movement helped change Ashton. In 2011, activists from the group urged him to help relieve Americans of their debt, not pursue them for it.

"As a bill collector collecting millions of dollars in medical-associated bills in my career, now all of a sudden I'm reformed," Ashton said. "I'm a predatory giver.'

Since he and Antico founded the organization in 2014, it's bought \$6.7 billion of medical debt and paid it off for 3.6 million people. Buying \$100 in debt costs about \$1. Most buyers then try to collect the debt, making more profit the more people they can badger into paying. RIP Medical Debt does the opposite.

According to Kaiser Health News, over half of Americans have gone into medical or dental debt in the last five years. Some in debt don't get treatment they need because they don't want to fall further behind. Many suffer chronic illnesses that will need regular treatment for the rest of their lives. And many people can't afford health insurance and have to hope they don't get sick or injured. All this has been a problem for many years, but the pandemic made it

debt on credit scores go even farther. People may not be able to get apartments or car loans. Without places to live and way to get around, they can't get jobs. Their debt keeps increasing, and their ability to ever escape it disappears, simply because they had the bad luck of getting sick or having a child or other dependent get seriously ill.

Health care is a basic need. Faced with the choice of serious disability (or even dying) and going into debt, anyone will take the risk. No one can blame

Groups like RIP Medical Debt do a great service to millions of Americans, but they can't help everyone who needs relief. And even those they help have to suffer the financial effects and the stress and anxiety of years of being in debt.

This points, yet again, to the need for deep changes in the American health care system. We can't rely on people like Craig Antico and Jerry Ashton to change their lives in a way that changes other peoples' lives. We need a system that doesn't require such people, though we're fortunate to have them now.



Legislation won't limit inflation

By MICHAEL J. HICKS

Inflation came to a standstill last month. The primary causes of that welcomed outcome were tightened monetary policy and an increase in the supply of petroleum. Nevertheless, Congress passed, and the president signed the Inflation Reduction Act. While this legislation may do many things, one thing it will not do is reduce inflation. Indeed, the most we can hope for is that the new law won't make inflation worse.

Republicans showered the legislation with criticism, noting that it won't reduce, and may even contribute to inflation. They are right. However, a little over a week ago, Indiana's legis-The effects of medical lature passed, and the governor signed a stimulus bill they claimed would help reduce the effects of inflation. Like the Inflation Reduction Act, it will not. The best we can hope for is that this new stimulus will only worsen inflation modestly.

> Democrats showered the legislation with criticism, noting that it won't reduce, and may even contribute to inflation. They are right. This episode offers the spectacle of two political parties offering similarly effective bills, telling the same untruths about inflation and making the same complaints about their opponents. An observer must conclude one of two things. The elected leaders who make these claims are either ignorant or think that you, the voter, are ignorant. Though, in fairness, for some, both statements are surely true.

This sort of frivolous hypocrisy rightfully angers and frustrates many citizens. It corrodes trust in our Republic and weakens our ability to respond to actual challenges. I suppose we have a few more months of performative anti-inflation politics. The only useful lesson in all is in reminding us why "Profiles in Courage" was such a slender volume. It also raises the question of what could we do better to prevent Jobs Act from the Trump Admin- you may hear from political can- University.

Michael J. Hicks



inflation and future price-level

Inflation is always, everywhere a monetary phenomenon. It is the occurrence of too much money chasing too few goods, leading to higher prices in general. Another way to think about it is that it represents the loss of value of currency. It isn't a higher price for one thing, but higher prices is worth less than before. Other things can look like inflation, such as a supply shock or a petroleum embargo. But at its essence, inflation is about too much

The worst of this bout of inflation is likely behind us, but inflation will come again. One way we could better keep inflation in check is to be better at predicting it. In another 100 years, economists will have about as much data on inflation as weather forecasters in 1950 had about hurricanes. Some economists, notably Larry Summers, got this one right, as did many in the Federal

So, one lesson might be to listen to more than just the consensus forecasts, perhaps weighting them by risk. More dire predictions might be given more weight. One problem with this is that as bad as inflation might be, overreacting to inflation can be worse to the economy than underreacting. There's no low-cost, low-risk solution in the policy response to inflation, and there never will be.

A better goal would be to boost worker productivity, which would lessen inflationary pressures. The low growth of the U.S. economy from 2009 to 2020 helped set the stage for today's inflation. These include the Tax Cut and this column.

Increasing productivity means that an economy can produce goods more cheaply, which mitigates inflation. Improving productivity won't stop inflation; it will simply dampen its effects. Productivity is simply the value of goods produced in a region, per worker. That GDP-per-worker tells us how "good" our economy and workforce is, with a couple of caveats. GDP-per-worker varies by industry, so capital-intensive industries like manufacturing, logistics and agriculture should be very productive on a per-worker basis. Industries with little physical capital, such as personal services, are far less productive on a per-worker basis. So, Indi-rates, as with spending. It is this ana's workers, a disproportionate share of whom work in factories, warehouses and farms, should be more productive than the average American.

Unfortunately, we are not. The average Hoosier worker produced 16.6% less per year than did the average American. The productivity gap is large, with Hoosiers producing roughly \$9.10 per hour less in goods and services than the average American (based on a standard 40-hour week). This gap has grown modestly for more than a decade, indicating a longterm problem in the Indiana economy.

The Hoosier economy should be far more productive than it is. That we aren't is a result of several public policy mistakes that leave Hoosiers poorer and more susceptible to inflation than the average American.

Having failed to soften the blow of inflation through state policy, we must look to federal policy to do so. Ultimately our federal debt is a very large inflationary risk. Our debt is the sum of all previous federal deficits, or how much more we spend each year on a federal budget than we collect in taxes. Our debt has grown to enormous levels; it now sits at

istration, which I supported in didates, this debt is a wholly bipartisan endeavor.

Biden has only had one budget year so far of data, but he added \$2.7 trillion to the national debt. Trump added \$5.9 trillion, Obama added \$8.7 trillion, Bush added \$1.9 trillion. From 1950 to 2020, Republican presidents averaged an inflation-adjusted annual increase to the debt of \$433 billion, while Democrats added \$302 billion on average over the same time. The biggest increase in the deficit occurred during 2020 and 2021 as we recovered from the recent pandemic, with the alltime record going to Trump, followed by Biden.

Ironically, both parties have been equally unreliable with tax data that is most surprising to many readers. During the Trump presidency, our federal government collected 10.4% of GDP in taxes, up from 9.9% under Obama, who was down 10.5% from Bush's tax collections. Clinton's average taxes were 11.6% of GDP, while the elder Bush collected an average of 10.4%. The idea of high-tax, highspending Democrats and fiscally prudent Republicans is empirically without justification.

The combination of too-high spending and too-low tax rates has left the U.S. with a large debt that slowly adds to the risk of inflation in later years. This could be fixed in Congress at any time. All it requires is some capacity for honest arithmetic, the ability to explain difficult fiscal challenges to voters, a bit of integrity, and a tiny snippet of moral courage. In other words, addressing our biggest inflationary risk requires the character traits that were conspicuously absent during our current bout of inflation.

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Sparking ...

Continued from page 1 When they tried to move it, the engine got stuck in a creek bed and left to the elements.

An Indiana resident who grew up in the area recalled the engine sitting in that spot. Nearly 50 years later, he returned to Tennessee and persuaded the family to sell him the engine. It sat on his property for about 20 years before he sold it to Riggs, a Marion resident.

Renovating the steam engine took Riggs about nine years.

"It was missing a lot of parts," he recalled, pointing out the canopy and its beams had been completely replaced. All of its pipes also needed replaced, along with repairs to its boiler.

He noted Tennessee's water heavily consists of clay. The boiler had accumulated mounds of hard clay inside it over the years, and the renovation process required a chisel and hammer to remove most of the

Frick Eclipse The changed hands a few times since then. Riggs traded it to a friend. who died several years ago, and then his friend's daughter had possession of it for 13 years. Riggs and Leininger decided to buy the steam engine back in 2014. It cost around \$20,000. After some paint restoration and a boiler inspection, the Frick Eclipse started making appearances in shows across

The 11-ton steam engine sits at 9.5 feet tall. It can haul about 50,000 pounds — almost double its weight. When the cast iron boiler is warm, it takes at least an hour to prepare for driving. (If the weather is cold, it can take anywhere from three to four hours.) The steam engine often makes trips around the fairgrounds, popping and hiss- still work," said Pryor, one of the if she could ride a steam engine



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The 1920 Frick Eclipse owned by Matt Leininger and Dave Riggs is making its sixth appearance at the Tri-State Antique Gas Engine and Tractor Show. Pictured above is the engine's name printed on a portion of the machine. At right is the driver's view of the steam engine while taking it around Jay County Fairgrounds.

down a path. An occasional loud whistle signals its presence.

Before starting the engine for a short trip around the grounds Thursday, Riggs tossed a couple extra logs into the furnace to increase the steam pressure. He stepped up onto the platform next to the steering wheel and pulled a few levers.

Leininger's John Pryor, cousin, stood behind him, indicating directions to turn.

Turn left. Turn right. Don't forget to use the crank. Now straighten it out.

The steam engine bounced along a stone path at the fairgrounds, its wheels jostling from various rocks disrupting its

"It's amazing these ... things

ing at onlookers as it travels group helping operate the steam engine at the show this year.

Riggs started visiting engine and tractor shows with his grandfather, Charles Cantrell, about 50 years ago. He lamented the fact Cantrell never got to see his 1920 Frick Eclipse in action, having died a few years before Riggs finished restorations.

Leininger attended the Tipton Mid-America Threshing and Antiques Show with his father as a child. They made an appearance at local shows annually until the family moved to Connecticut. He returned to Tipton at 18 years old and took ownership of the family farm that was founded in 1869.

Leininger met his future wife, Jen, in 2011. They hit it off after she mustered the courage to ask

he was operating at the Tipton show. Jen Leininger now helps operate the steam engine at the events they attend, which include shows in Rushville and Tipton, the Howard County Fair and Tri-State events in Jay Coun-

Both Leininger and Riggs appreciate the past connected to steam engines.

They give people a glimpse into the past of what their grandparents endured ... for what we have nowadays," Riggs said.

Leininger enjoys the friendships, like with Riggs, he's made over the years with the hobby. The genuine moments he experiences also make it worthwhile.

'Seeing little kids smile at the fairgrounds.

spark shows, that's pretty fun," he said.

Following the spark show Thursday, the Frick Eclipse began its departure for the evening. A few helpers shone flashlights in front and to the sides of the steam engine as it traveled.

Its front right wheel suddenly overcame a bigger rock, causing it to wiggle in a different direction. The mechanism slowed as Jen Leininger turned the steering wheel and Riggs made a few adjustments.

Within a few seconds, the steam engine started chugging along again, making its way back to a spot in the eastern corner of

Plant

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Once West is credited with the ace of diamonds, his spades cannot

be good enough to justify a spade return. South's weak spot is obvi-ously in clubs, and that is the place

to attack. Note that in the given

case, the five must be led, not the queen or jack, in order to prevent South's nine from becoming a stop-

per. When West wins the diamond ace, his club return sets the con-

dummy with a trump. Assuming both opponents follow suit, which is likely, ruff another heart high,

return to dummy with a trump and ruff still another heart. Then play a club to the king and ruff dummy's

last heart. This runs you out of

trumps in your hand, but dummy still has one.

Now lead a club to the ace and

cash the ten of trump, discarding your club loser. Then claim the last four tricks with the A-K-Q-J of

2. Ruff the heart high and cross to

1. You are East, defending against Three Nortump, South having opened one notrump, raised by North to three. Your partner leads the four of spades, You cover dummy's five with the seven, and declarer wins with the queen. South leads the jack of diamonds, which you win with the queen. What would you play next?

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♣ 7 2 **♥** 9 8 4 3 **♣**ÀQJ5

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Seven Spades. North leads the king of hearts. How would you play the hand? WEST EAST

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1. The correct return is the five of clubs! This play will almost certainly defeat the contract.

Judging from declarer's play, it seems likely that your partner has the ace of diamonds. South could have something like: ♠ AKQ ♥ AQ65 ♦ J10 ♠ 9863. That would be

8-26

This method of play succeeds whether the trumps are divided 2-2 or 3-1. In all, you score seven trump tricks (four heart ruffs in your hand, plus dummy's 10-9-8), four diamonds and two clubs.

Tomorrow: An unexpected development.

diamonds.

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Roundup

Continued from page 8 The Patriots' seventh grade B team also lost 25-12, 25-8, with Allison Paul finishing with four points and two aces.

MS gridders swept

RECOVERY - The Fort Recovery middle school football teams both suffered losses Thursday to St. Henry.

The eighth grade team a 3-yard run.

fell 26-14 while the seventh graders took a 22-6 defeat. Grant Fortkamp han-

dled the scoring for the eighth grade Indians. He reached the end zone on runs of 17 and 40 yards while also tossing a 2-point conversion pass to Jake Mever.

Cooper Overman scored the only points for the FRMS seventh graders on

eased

Continued from page 8 "I still feel like I can be better in (the offense), too, and still feel like there's work to do. So (I) certainly feel a lot more comfortable in terms of the terminology, in terms of the checks. in terms of our protec-

"The key is for it to become second nature where you're not really thinking about it. I think that's what this time of year is so valuable for is that you kind of — you get to a space where you don't know how you know it, but you just know it.'

Ryan has been everything the Colts hoped for and more.

He's brought a calm confidence to the offense and instantly became a leader in the locker room. The first handful of camp practices ended early because of the pace he helped to push, and he's been locked in on the task at hand since the day his trade from Atlanta was completed in March.

Reich is on his fifth starting quarterback in as many seasons with Indianapolis, and this one is just different.

"The speed that he operates on, the practice tempo listen, every guy is focused, every guy is all

business, but Matt is just at another level," Reich said. "He's always on, and it's – he's out here to work. This work — always thinking of things and ways to get us better, get us on the same

'So (I) really felt like we made a lot of strides. It came from a lot of players' leadership, but (Ryan) played a significant role in the leadership he provided in this camp.'

page as an offense.

The task now is to translate a strong camp into regular-season success.

Indianapolis is looking to win its first AFC South title since 2014 and its first postseason game since 2018. It all starts Sept. 11 on the road against the Houston Texans.

For any of the other goals to come to fruition, the Colts must win in Week 1 for the first time since

"As far as long-term expectations, we have an understanding of where we want to go, but the only way to get there is to attack week after week," Ryan said. "It has to be about playing well Week 1. That's the expectation we have to have — for ourselves to be ready to go down there to Houston, play our best football and find a way to get a



Jay County High School sophomore Levi Muhlenkamp hits a shot between Cody Dicken (left) and Warren Eacret (7) of the Delta Eagles during the first half Thursday. Muhlenkamp scored a secondhalf goal on an assist from Dylan Marentes to put the Patriots up 2-0.

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Patriot goalie Caleb Coppack made a save on a Levi Griffis header off a cross from Brayden Stanley he scored the game-winning goal with 30 seconds left in extra time of last season's sectional game — at the 5:40 mark and then Stanley went just wide left on a shot with 3:40 to go. His miss led to three consecutive corner kicks that resulted in nothing and his free kick from about 25 yards out slammed into the wall of Patriot defenders.

Levi Muhlenkamp, a JCHS sophomore, swiped the ball from Delta freshman Hudson Ewing with 30 seconds to go and the home team was able to run out what was left of the clock.

Stats showed Coppack with 17 saves as he also took the ball off the foot of Elijah Bell in the box at the 12:10 mark of the second half.

"To be honest, I get afraid," said Coppack of the late barrage from the Eagles. "But when I see the ball coming, I know what to do. ... It's full-on instinct. I just step on my

toes and I just watch where the ball

The Patriots nearly took the lead at the 23:25 mark of the first half when a Muhlenkamp shot went off the crossbar. Two minutes later, they cashed in. Marentes had a free kick from

about 25 yards out on the left side and sent the ball into the box. Carter Link got a free run into the box, put his head on the ball and sent it into the back of the net.

"Right place, right time," said Marentes of Link's score on the set

Jay County struck again less than four minutes into the second half when Marentes stole the ball from a Delta defender. He quickly slipped a pass through to Muhlenkamp, who went past goalie Samori McKell-Jeffers to the right corner of the net.

"Defensively we didn't have a great day at the office," said Delta coach Kurt Griffis. "We screwed a bunch of things up defensively.

"And then No. 2, we didn't finish

well in front of the net. I would say we had somewhere in the realm of 15 corner kicks. None of those produced goals. That's a very high number to not produce a goal."

The lone tally for the Eagles came with 23:56 left in the game when Levi Griffis pushed the ball up the left side. The ball eventually made its way to the middle where Stanley took control and shot to the left corner past a diving Coppack.

The Patriots, who totaled 13 shots on goal, have made a strong turnaround after a season-opening 4-1 loss to Muncie Central in which they were missing two starters. Since then, they have won three in a row — they beat Woodlan 4-1 Monday and sectional rival New Castle 5-0 Tuesday — by a combined score of 11-2.

After playing three times this week, the JCHS schedule stretches out. It hosts Norwell on Thursday and defending sectional champion Yorktown the following Thursday

Sports on tap

Local schedule **Today**Jay County — Football vs. Huntington

North – 7 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Football at Urbana – Saturday Jay County — Cross country at Celina

Rotary Invitational at Wright State University Lake Campus - 9 a.m.; Boys tennis at Muncie Central - 10 a.m.; Girls soccer at Woodlan - 11 a.m.

Fort Recovery — Cross country in Bob Schul Invitational at Milton Union – 9 a.m.; Junior varsity boys golf hosts Mid-

west Athletic Conference meet - 9 a.m.; JV football vs. Urbana - 10 a.m.; Middle school cross country in Bob Schul Invitational at Milton Union – 9 a.m.; Middle school volleyball hosts St. Henry and Coldwater - 9 a.m.

TV sports Today

7 p.m. — NFL preseason football: Buffalo Bills at Carolina Panthers (FOX, CBS) 7:05 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Washington Nationals (Bally Indiana); Pittsburgh Pirates at Philadelphia Phillies (NBC)

7:30 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR

Xfinity Series - Wawa 250 (USA) 8 p.m. — NFL preseason football:

(FOX, NBC); Los Angeles Chargers at New Orleans Saints (CBS) 8:15 p.m. — NFL preseason football:

Raiders (FOX, CBS) 9 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Los

10 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Seattle Sounders at Portland Timbers

10:30 p.m. — Canadian Football

League: BC Lions at Saskatchewan Roughriders (ESPN2)

Saturday

7:30 a.m. Soccer: Premier Manchester United at League

Leeds United at Brighton & Hove Albion Noon - High School football: St. Joseph Prep vs. St. Thomas Aquinas

Nebraska at Northwestern (FOX) 12:30 p.m.

League World Series – International final 12:30 p.m. — Soccer: Premier

League - Fulham at Arsenal (NBC)

2:30 p.m. - Golf: PGA Tour - Cham-

3:30 p.m. — College Football: Stephen F. Austin at Jacksonville State

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FRHS spikers roll in home opener

FORT RECOVERY The Indians had a lot more fun in their home opener.

The Fort Recovery High School volleyball team, which fell in three sets to St.

Marys in Local first roundup its match of

Tuesday, the season bounced back on its home court Thursday to dominate the visiting National Trail Blazers 25-16, 25-13, 25-21.

Teigan Fortkamp served National Trail off the court, racking up 10 aces. She also had six kills and three digs for the Indians (1-1).

Faith Wendel Kennedy Muhlenkamp totaled 15 assists apiece with many of them going to Mara Pearson, who led the way with a dozen kills. Wendel, Muhlenkamp and Pearson all followed Fortkamp with a pair of aces apiece, and Pearson also had three

Fort Recovery gets the weekend off before hosting Jay County at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

FR boys golf falls

CELINA, Ohio — Fort Recovery's boys golf team fell 164-178 Thursday to the Coldwater Cavaliers at Mercer County Elks Golf Club, dropping to 1-3 in the Midwest Athletic Conference.

Isaac LeFevre posted the low score of 41 for the Indians, who are 3-4 overall. The senior had three pars in his first four The Herald Bulletin (Anderson) holes and finished with Tribune News Service four in all.

Ben Giere and Keegan Bruggeman of Coldwater shared match medalist honors as they both shot

Alex Dues followed LeFevre for the Indians with three pars in his round of 44. Eli Lennartz added a 45, including a birdie on the 150-yard, par-3 second hole, and Keegan Muhlenkamp rounded out the team score with a 48.

FR girls golf loses

The visiting Coldwater Cavaliers were too much for the Fort Recovery girls golf team as it fell 184-223 Thursday at Portland Golf Club.

Eva Kahlig led the Indians, who slipped to 2-6 overall and 1-3 in the Midwest Athletic Conference. She shot a 52.

Ella Westgerdes followed with a 53, and Emma Will and Marissa Schoen each shot 59 to round out the team score.

Scores of 64 from Brynn Stammen and 66 from Ella Schoen did not factor into the team total.

JCJH spikers drop 2

DECATUR — Jay County's junior high volleyball teams both fell Thursday to host St. Joseph's — the eighth graders by a 25-8, 25-24 score and the seventh graders 25-7, 25-11.

Brenna Schmiesing's five points, two blocks and one kill led the eighth grade Patriots. Ella Rigby had four points and two assists, and Isabelle Vasquez scored three points.

In the seventh grade match, Amelia Heath finished with three kills for County. Emalyn Homan had two points,

both on aces. See **Roundup** page 7

'22 turn around

Jay County High School senior Carter Link connects on a header between Brayden Stanley (4) and Cody Dickin (21) of the visiting Delta Eagles during the first half Thursday. Link scored on another header off of a free kick from Dylan Marentes as the Patriots picked up their third consecutive victory.



Jay County flips results for 2-1 win over Eagles after losing two one-goal games to Delta last year

By RAY COONEY

In three straight games, Jay County and Delta have been separated by one goal.

Twice last season, it was the Eagles who came out on top.

The Patriots turned things around Thursday.

Jay County High School's ly nice since we lost to them

late push that included a series of corner kicks in the final four minutes to hold off the visiting Delta Eagles 2-1.

"It was a good game, a good win," said sophomore Dylan Marentes, who assisted on both Patriot goals. "It felt real-

JCHS fell 5-4 to the Eagles during the 2021 regular season and 2-1 in extra time in the opening round of the sectional tourna-

"I feel like they gave their all," said Patriot coach Bobby Ruiz. "And that's what we've been ask-

boys soccer team fought off a last year. ... It's a good feel- ing. And that's what we've been pushing for. ... They pulled it out. ... They left everything on the

> Jay County (3-1) held on to its one-goal lead for the final 23-plus minutes, with the Eagles (2-2) especially coming hard at the goal in the final six.

See **Turn** page 7

Ryan is pleased with Colts camp

By GEORGE BREMER

WESTFIELD — Matt Ryan tried to recall his first NFL training camp Thurs-

As a rookie with the Atlanta Falcons in 2008, the quarterback — selected third overall out of Boston College — was tasked with helping the franchise climb out of the hole created by Michael Vick's dog-fighting scandal and former head coach Bobby Petrino's disastrous and brief

tenure. The task wasn't nearly as big for his 15th training camp — and first with the Indianapolis Colts — that ended Thursday at Grand Park.

But there were similarities between the two sum-

"Probably of all the camps, (this one was) probably the most similar (to the first) — just being in a new spot and adjusting to new things," Ryan said.
"Whole new (coaching) staff, entirely new players so there's probably some similarities to it. From a personal standpoint, I think I'm much further along.

The 37-year-old spent most of the past month in Westfield mastering a new offensive scheme, getting on the same page with head coach Frank Reich and offensive coordinator Marcus Brady and helping to bring along a young and inexperienced group of wide receivers.

Ryan is quick to make corrections on the field in real time. If a rep goes awry, he'll talk with the intended receiver and diagnose what went wrong.

Maybe the timing was a little off. Maybe there's a nuance in the route that can make the play easier for both the passer and the receiver. Whatever the fix, the wide receivers don't have to wait for film study later in the day. They get

instant feedback, live on the field.

It's as though the Colts hired an assistant receivers coach alongside a starting quarterback.

"He's so good in that way, and it's great for Marcus and I and the whole staff just to collaborate with him — make sure that we're all saying it and teaching it the same way," Reich said. "It's been good work in that way.'

The receivers say Ryan is demanding, but it only makes them better.

Michael Pittman Jr. who enjoyed a breakout season in 2021 and is poised to have an even bigger year — admitted early in training camp he was working hard to make sure he was at the spot the quarterback needed him to be.

To help build chemistry and get on the same page with the passer, Pittman's been spending as much time as possible around Ryan in meetings and during meals. Any chance he has to talk with the quarterback, he's taking.

"It's all just trust," Pittman said. "I mean, Matt is such a great player, and he's going to make that play either way, but it just helps him make it easier and quicker for him if I'm just on his timing. So I've iust been working on that, and I feel like it's turning

Unofficially, Pittman led Indianapolis receivers with 41 catches during 11-on-11 drills through training camp's 16 practices. No other receiver broke 20 receptions.

Ryan was 130-of-171 in full-team work, with 10 touchdowns and three interceptions. He was 24-of-31 over the final three practices and felt the offense grow together.

He also believes there's plenty of growth yet to

"I feel like as we continue to go, I continue to get more comfortable," Ryan said. See **Pleased** page 7



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