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WEATHER



Today
Skies: Breezy with clouds
Temps: High 56; low 30

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CORRECTION

Renovating an old home can cost close to the price of building a new home, resident Scott Graham said. Graham is remodeling a house in Franklin. The information was incorrect in the "Labor of Love" story on Page A1 in Friday's Daily Journal.

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DEATHS

Bargersville

Sandra Kay Scott, 70

Franklin

Carlos Martinez, 73

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MORE RACES TO RUN

STORY BY Ryan Trares
PHOTO BY Scott Roberson

After man's paralyzing accident, couple competing again

Seconds after waking up, pleasant dreams revert to cruel realities. Some nights, John Monaghan will dream about the activities he used to love. A lifelong athlete, he ran marathons, competed in swimming races and was training for his first Ironman Triathlon. His imagination will take him to old races and favorite road courses. Then he opens his eyes. A few seconds pass before he remembers he'll never walk again. "I'm still not used to it," he said. "It's still very hard to come to grips."

Monaghan, 27, is a quadriplegic, having fractured his spine in a biking accident two years ago. But at a time when their lives together changed in every significant way, he and his wife, Elyssa, have made running together a way to hold on to their past lives.

With Elyssa Monaghan, 30, pushing her husband in a modified wheelchair, the Greenwood couple finished last year's Monumental Half-Marathon in downtown Indianapolis and plan to

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Elyssa Monaghan, left, will push her husband John Monaghan in the Monumental Half-Marathon next weekend. John was paralyzed after a biking accident two years ago.

GEOGRAPHIC DIVIDE

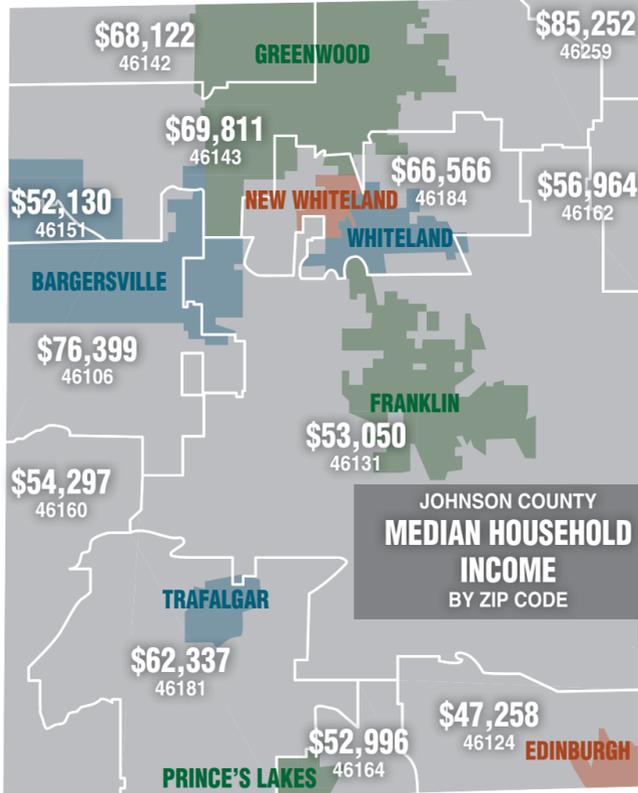
PAY PATTERNS

ZIP TIES

Household income in Johnson County shows a general divide based on location. Households in the northern parts of the county and Center Grove area earn about \$70,000 per year, while the other areas of the county average closer to \$50,000 annually.

Zip code	Total households
46106	1,692
46124	2,725
46131	11,222
46142	11,581
46143	18,628
46151	11,410
46160	2,543
46162	105
46164	1,601
46181	1,539
46184	4,322
46259	3,615

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau



Access to jobs, housing, shopping drive county income trends

If you live in the Center Grove area, your weekly paycheck on average is about \$400 higher than neighbors in Franklin.

But you also likely spend 10 minutes more commuting to work every day and have bigger mortgage payments, too.

STORY BY STEVE GARBACZ

GRAPHIC BY ANNA PERLICH

Families living in northern Johnson County earn about \$20,000 per year more than other parts of the county because they're more likely to commute to higher-paying jobs in Indianapolis, according to an economist.

The median household income is about \$70,000 per year in ZIP codes including Greenwood, New Whiteland, Whiteland and the Center Grove area, compared to \$50,000 in areas farther south, such as Franklin and Edinburgh, according to U.S. Census Data. Those incomes

represent the midpoint between the highest and lowest incomes among households in those areas.

Residents living in the 46106 ZIP code, which includes most of Bargersville, have the highest median income at \$76,399 per year, while Edinburgh and the rest of the 46124 ZIP code earn the lowest in the county at \$47,258.

Living in Greenwood or White River Township doesn't mean you're guaranteed a bigger paycheck than someone living in Franklin. But factors including proximity to high-paying jobs in Indianapolis, higher-end homes and more amenities, including shopping centers and restaurants, draw families who earn more to the north and west sides of the county, local officials and economists said.

More than half of county residents commute to another county for work, and most of those commuters are heading to Marion County, where jobs pay about

\$15,000 more per year on average than in Johnson County, according to Census statistics.

An executive who works downtown isn't likely to live near his office, and families instead seek out nearby suburban areas, such as White River Township, to call home, economist Morton Marcus said. Commuting from the northern end of the county may take about 25 to 30 minutes, compared to areas farther south where the daily drive is less convenient, he said.

"You may have a family that is going to show up with more income living closer to Indianapolis so they can cut down their commuting distances," he said.

Workers in areas such as Greenwood, White River Township and Bargersville have average commutes of about 26 to 32 minutes, which means many are likely heading north to Marion County for work,

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County jury trials on rise

Cost jump comes with surge in proceedings

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More people charged with crimes ranging from burglary to rape in local courts have decided to take their cases to a jury.



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So far this year, 11 jury trials have taken place in Johnson County, up from four in 2012. The cases have ranged from a rape trial, where a jury was bused in from another county, to a trial for an Edinburgh man who was charged with child molestation.

The county has spent more than \$46,000 so far this year on costs including food and transportation for jurors, about \$20,000 of which was spent on one four-day trial earlier this year for an Indianapolis man charged with raping a woman in her Greenwood apartment.

Court officials say that jury trials also take longer than a case that is resolved when a person accepts an offer from the prosecutor to plead guilty to his charges and get a sentence that might include jail time, probation or work release.

Every person who is charged

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JUDGMENT DAYS

Total number of jury trials in county:	
2013 (so far this year)	11
2012	4
2011	8
2010	7
Total cost of jury trials:	
2013 (so far this year)	\$46,052
2012	Not available
2011	\$20,304
2010	\$15,860



SCOTT ROBBERSON | DAILY JOURNAL
Sheriff Doug Cox has added more beds to the Johnson County jail to help make room for additional inmates.

Tough spot: County jail overcrowded, understaffed

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The county is squeezing more bunk beds and plastic cots into open space at the county jail as more inmates come in.

The Johnson County jail has 322 beds, but for more than a month the number of inmates has stayed above that number.

The crowding has put a strain on the system, with the chances of fights greater and costs of food, supplies and staff rising, Sheriff Doug Cox said.

This summer, 18 beds were added to the men's section of the jail. The addition gave more inmates places to sleep but has not been enough when the population rises as high as 343 inmates, Cox said. The rest sleep in plastic

portable beds that are usually used by inmates who might fall off top bunks.

Usually at this time of year, when summer is ending and the holiday season is beginning, the number of inmates decreases, Cox said. But this year, numbers have risen. Between June and September, the number of inmates exceeded the number of beds only six times. But since

Sept. 19, it has stayed higher than capacity all but four days, even with the new beds.

The jail has an empty room and three bunk beds available but not enough toilets and showers under state correctional regulations, jail commander Duane Burgess said.

Every day, court officials

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