

Average

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According to the most recent survey results, four of the 10 facilities reviewed scored in the top 10 percent in the state, and two facilities were in the top 11 to 25 percent. But even administrators at the state level warn against residents just making a choice based strictly on nursing home report cards. Family members should visit facilities to see what kind of special services they offer and their approach to care.

As administrators work to break away from the "nursing home" label, they're offering their clients more choices for making a home in the new facility. Seniors can decide how intensive they want their nursing care to be, and how big of a facility they want to stay in. At least three facilities — Franklin United Methodist Home, Indiana Masonic Home and Greenwood Village South — refer to themselves as continuing care communities. Seniors can go there to live independently and gradually receive more nursing care as it is needed.

For example, seniors may go to the facility to live alone in a cottage. Then, they move into an apartment as they need more help with tasks around the house. Eventually they may move into the center's health-care facilities if they need more around-the-clock care. Other centers, such as the Todd-Aikens Health Center at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Franklin, are based in a hospital, providing some acute care for residents along with typical nursing services.

The location can serve as an intermediate care center for residents who are well enough they don't need to be hospitalized, but need a few more days of care before moving into another nursing facility. Other care centers fall into the category residents think of as nursing homes, places that provide regular nursing care and some rehabilitation services, though they differ in size and service options.

For example, Hickory Creek at Franklin has 37 licensed beds to provide care for residents, a size that makes for close interaction between the residents and employees, administrator Linda Turner said. "It's more homey," Turner said. "It's kind of like we're one big family."

Greenwood Health and Living Community is more of a mid-size facility, with 121 licensed beds. Administrator Luan Deskins said the size is small enough to have a feeling of home but still offer services provided by larger nursing centers.

Not all visitors stay at the center long-term, as several residents come for adult day-care services and physical, speech and occupational therapies before returning home. Administrators also warn seniors and their families against failing to put in an application when they see a waiting list at a facility of their choice. Though most facilities reported being 80 or 90 percent full in December, administrators said that residents should always check for openings with the centers because numbers fluctuate daily.

Compared to other nearby suburban counties, there also may be more space to accommodate the county's large senior population, which numbered 12,600 residents ages 65 and older, according to 2000 census figures. Johnson County facilities have a capacity of about 2,000 beds, according to the most recent state surveys. Madison County came closest in capacity, with about 1,200 beds for residents. Morgan, Shelby, Hancock, Madison, Hamilton, Boone and Hendricks counties each had less than 1,000 certified beds, the survey said.

Franklin United Methodist Community administrator Keith Van Deman said it was unusual for one area to have so many options.

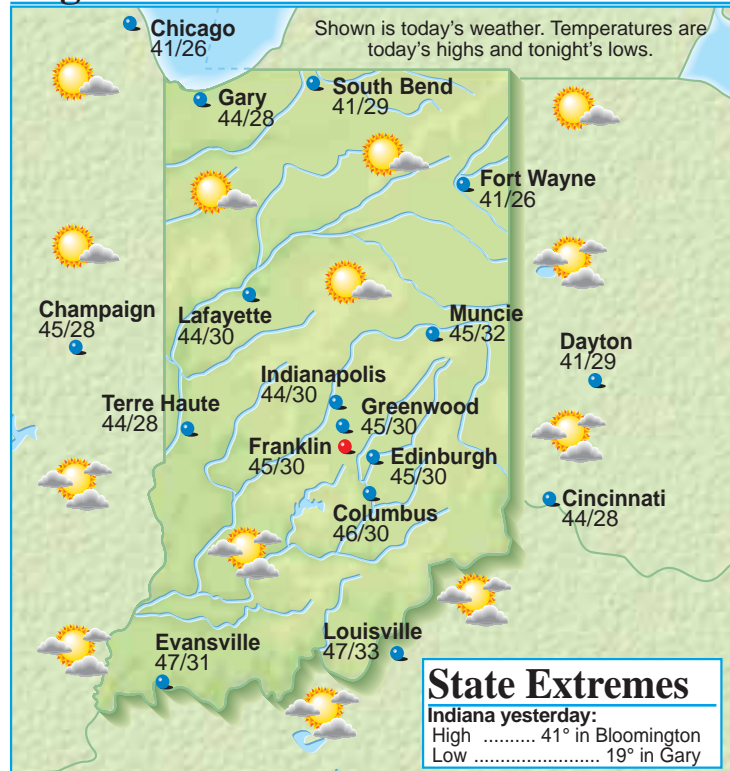
"You really have some quality options here that other cities don't have," Van Deman said.

WEATHER

AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Johnson County

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
43-47 28-32	49-53 25-29	34-38 21-25	38-42 24-28	45-49 28-32

Regional weather



Regional summary

Indianapolis/Greenwood: Breezy with times of clouds and sunshine today. Partly cloudy tonight. Partly sunny and breezy tomorrow.
Edinburgh/Franklin: Breezy with times of clouds and sunshine today. Partly cloudy tonight. Partly sunny and breezy tomorrow.

Today in weather history™

Browning, Mont., had a world record 100-degree-plus change on Jan. 23, 1916. After a morning reading of 44, the temperature dropped to -56 overnight.

Regional cities

City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Tues. Hi/Lo/W	City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Tues. Hi/Lo/W
Anderson	40/25/sh	48/27/pc	Indianapolis	42/31/sh	49/25/pc
Bloomington	41/27/r	52/28/s	Kokomo	42/30/sh	47/26/pc
Chicago	39/24/pc	41/19/pc	Lafayette	42/24/sh	48/25/pc
Cincinnati	41/31/r	51/27/pc	Louisville	41/36/r	53/33/pc
Evansville	43/32/r	56/29/s	Muncie	39/25/pc	47/27/pc
Fort Wayne	38/24/pc	40/24/sf	South Bend	39/24/pc	41/23/pc
Gary	41/19/sh	46/22/pc	Terre Haute	42/26/sh	53/24/s

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Africa

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Tomgebé for 10 weeks of French classes.

"The language training was the most intense," he said. "I was obviously in the beginner group."

Stockman then was driven to his final destination, Nandouta, an AIDS-ravaged village of 1,500 residents. The village has no electricity or running water.

He relieved a female Peace Corps volunteer. She left behind a couch, desk and chair, stove and fuel tank for Stockman to use in the two-room concrete house that would be his home.

"It had a bed, but I gave the mattress away," Stockman said. "It was way too hot to sleep on a mattress."

The first days were overwhelming in many ways, Stockman said.

"A lot of volunteers don't leave their houses for a week or more," he said. "They're too freaked out."

Villagers were excited to see a new American walking in and out of the tiny house by the river. They were excited to get to know him.

He felt the same way about them, Stockman said, and he began building relationships.

One French-speaking family invited him to dinner every evening. The meal usually was corn or yams ground into mush.

He tried to pay for the meals, but the mother wouldn't accept anything.

"She said, 'I had to feed my children, and you are like one of my children.'"

Stockman said, "My village didn't have bread. Every Sunday, I would ride 55 kilometers (about 34 miles) on a bike to market day in another village to buy bread."

He discovered quickly that only a handful of villagers spoke French. Most spoke Komkomba, the local language.

Stockman found himself literally at a loss for words.

Without a way to easily communicate, educating villagers about health issues would be nearly impossible.

Stockman started to learn the native language and continued to polish his French.

Adjusting to the heat was another challenge.

"It was at least 120 or 130 degrees during the hot season," Stockman said. "And it just never cooled off."

After sunset each day, Stockman left the two-room house and slept on a woven mat under the stars.

"No sheets, no nothing, just a pair of shorts," he said, "and sweat all night."

Drinking water in Nandouta came from two public water pumps.

"The water cost two cents at the pump, though," Stockman said. "And a lot of people couldn't afford that."

Stockman paid a woman in the village to haul water daily to the mud hut beside his concrete house, so he had water for bathing.

Working with Peace Corps volunteers from other villages, Stockman began to develop services for the people of Nandouta.

He started a camp for AIDS orphans, where they learned about health issues and life skills.

He also hosted a club for more than 40 children in the village. All of them had lost or were losing family members to AIDS. Many were HIV positive themselves.

"Their home lives are so different," Stockman said of the camp members, ages 6 to 18. "All of them had parents who either already died or were living with AIDS."

Families in the village lived in

Peril

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Most accidents in the parking lot involve cars backing into each other, according to Greenwood police. Bushes and parked vehicles can block a motorist's view, but most problems are with cars pulling out onto Fry Road.

So many cars coming from so many directions makes it difficult to prevent crashes from happening in the lot, Riley said.

She often stops at Panera Bread in the mornings. She has never had an accident at the shopping center, but often has to slam on her brakes while backing out of a space or driving into the lot.

"Some of these people are

crazy the way they just zip in and don't even look, and you can't see them soon enough," she said.

The parking lot seems mismatched with surrounding roads, Greenwood resident Tim Parton said. The shopping center has one access point off Fry Road, and access off U.S. 31 and back streets. This is too many, he said.

City engineers should have widened Fry Road and improved surrounding streets first, then brought new businesses while limiting the number of entryways to those businesses, he said.

City officials say congestion is more of a problem on Fry Road, not in surrounding parking lots.

Greendale Centre's layout is typical of similar developments in central Indiana, said Norm Gabehart, Greenwood director of operations.

Sun and moon

Sunrise today 7:59 a.m.
Sunset tonight 5:54 p.m.
Moonrise today 2:06 a.m.
Moonset today 12:14 p.m.
New Jan 29
First Feb 5
Full Feb 12
Last Feb 21

AccuWeather UV Index™

Highest Today in Johnson County
Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11+
Low Moderate High Very High Extreme

Weather Trivia™

Has snow been observed on every continent?

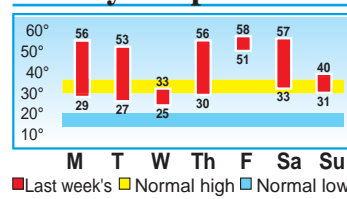
Wind Chill Today

How cold it feels based on temperature and wind speed.
8 a.m. 22° Noon 34° 4 p.m. 39°

Heating Degree Days

Index of energy consumption indicating how many degrees the average temperature was below 65 degrees for the day with negative values counting as zero
Yesterday 29
Month to date 526
Normal month to date 847

Weekly temperatures



River stages

Fld: flood stage. Stage: in feet at 7 a.m.
Sunday, Chg: change in previous 24 hours.

Station	Fld	Stage	Chg
White River			
Mooreville	9	9.32	+0.19
White River (East Fork)			
Edinburgh	12	6.03	-0.15

Almanac

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Statistics for Indianapolis through 5 p.m. yesterday.

Temperature	Wind
High 40°	Average dir/speed E at 8.3 mph
Low 31°	Highest speed 14
Normal high 34°	Humidity
Normal low 18°	Yesterday's average 72%
Record high 64° in 1964	Today's average 61%
Record low -17° in 1936	

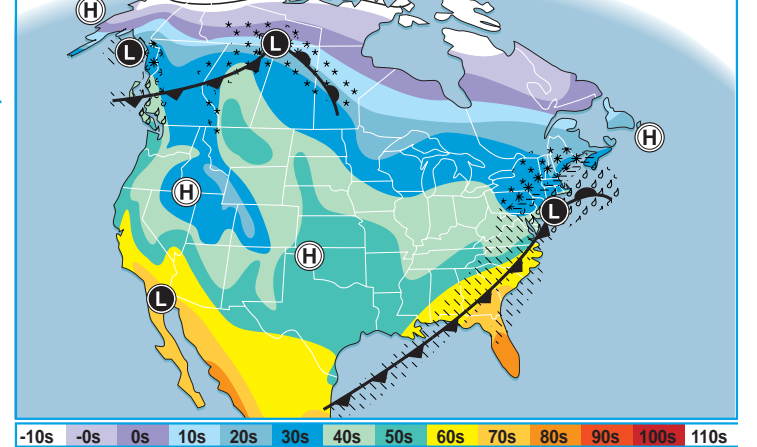
Precipitation

24 hrs. ending 5 p.m. yest. 0.00"
Month to date 2.57"
Normal month to date 1.76"
Year to date 2.57"
Normal year to date 1.76"

Air quality

Indianapolis Source: IAPC
Yesterday 35
0-50, Good; 51-100, Moderate; 101-151, Unhealthy (sens. grps.); 151-200, Unhealthy

National weather today



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

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City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Tues. Hi/Lo/W	City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Tues. Hi/Lo/W
Albany, NY	37/21/s	39/26/pc	Houston	58/50/r	66/42/s
Atlanta	60/50/r	64/38/s	Jacksonville	77/57/pc	69/43/sh
Atlantic City	46/28/pc	48/31/pc	Kansas City	45/29/pc	56/29/s
Baltimore	46/26/sh	52/28/s	Las Vegas	56/37/pc	61/37/s
Boston	40/28/pc	42/31/pc	Los Angeles	71/45/s	74/46/s
Buffalo	40/24/s	41/26/sf	Louisville	41/36/r	53/33/pc
Burlington, VT	31/15/s	39/26/pc	Memphis	47/39/r	60/38/s
Champaign	41/24/sh	46/23/s	Miami	82/72/sh	82/66/pc
Charleston, SC	64/56/sh	65/42/pc	Milwaukee	38/20/pc	40/20/sf
Cheyenne	38/15/pc	54/22/s	Minneapolis	31/21/pc	32/14/sf
Chicago	39/24/pc	41/19/pc	Nashville	47/37/r	58/30/s
Cleveland	41/23/pc	45/29/r	New Orleans	76/61/sh	61/45/s
Columbia, SC	64/47/r	65/34/s	New York	45/33/pc	46/30/pc
Columbus, GA	76/59/sh	64/39/s	Philadelphia	48/31/pc	46/32/s
Dallas	54/44/r	68/38/s	Phoenix	66/37/s	72/47/pc
Denver	39/18/pc	55/24/s	St. Louis	43/28/r	56/29/s
Des Moines	37/27/sn	47/22/pc	Salt Lake City	36/24/pc	40/21/s
Detroit	40/24/pc	40/24/sn	San Francisco	59/42/r	59/44/s
El Paso	57/28/s	58/37/pc	Seattle	50/44/sh	48/38/c
Fairbanks	-13/-18/sn	-21/-38/pc	Tampa	83/67/pc	76/52/sh
Honolulu	79/68/sh	80/70/sh	Washington, DC	47/32/sh	55/32/s

Weather (w): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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Review

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Two residents got into a fight, pushing and shaking each other. One went to the hospital after falling down and hitting her head.

Patient notes by staff failed to provide a plan to address a history of behaviors and one patient's difficulty in speaking English.

The center failed to notify an adult protective service representative when some of the incidents happened.

A resident wasn't notified before that person's room assignment was changed.

The 50-bed facility was given until Nov. 23 to correct the most concerning practices, and it did so.

But the state still identified some practices that could cause harm in a return visit Nov. 29.

Among the concerns: A patient with a urinary tract infection had a care plan developed to address the patients' agitated behavior, but the plan didn't include a direction to check for an infection.

The department had addressed the issue of a patient leaving the facility unattended by putting in screws to keep the windows from opening more than 4 inches, changing pass codes and adding alarms. But some of the second floor windows could open 10 inches.

State surveyors returned to the facility Dec. 19 for a follow-up review, and in response to a complaint given to the department.

The complainant reported concerns about unmade beds, the cleanliness of the residents and smells of urine and body odor.

In the follow-up survey, the state found that the department had again addressed their concerns, but still had practices in place that could harm patients.

For example: Steps needed to be taken to make sure that residents with incontinent bladders were appropriately treated to prevent urinary tract infections and keep bladder function normal.

The facility didn't have enough staff available to address some residents' toileting needs, and didn't provide a contingency plan for being understaffed.

It is unknown whether any patients have been turned away because of the denial of payment for new admissions.

According to numbers from the surveys, the number of residents in the facility has dropped from 40 in October to 33 in December.

A plan of correction for addressing the most recent concerns was submitted Thursday.

Calls to administrator Jan Senteney were not immediately returned.

People with complaints about the parking lot are not likely accustomed to increased traffic flow, because they remember what the area was like in the late 1990s, when the Greendale strip mall had lost most of its tenants, he said.

Now business is booming in the area just south of Greenwood Park Mall, which means a higher traffic count.

Center Grove area resident Carlene White has shopped at the center for about two years. She said the parking lot is not any worse than similar strip malls she has visited.

"I mean, you're right by the mall and the Kohl's," she said. "You expect it to be busy."

The parking lot would be worse with fewer access points, she said. She has been to strip malls with traffic backed up along a state

highway because the shopping center only had one entrance and exit off that highway. Traffic flow in the parking lot does not frustrate her as much as trying to leave the shopping center, because of difficulties she has getting out to Fry Road.

Leaving the shopping center would be even more time consuming if the shopping center had limited exits, and that would not be acceptable, White said.

No matter where she is going, White is always at least five minutes late because of her hectic schedule involving three kids and their activities. She never has time to waste 10 or 20 minutes to try and get out of a lot, she said.

"Indy has basically spread down here," she said, "and you can't even tell where Indy ends and Greenwood starts."

LOTTERIES

Here are the winning numbers selected over the weekend:

Indiana

Sunday
Daily Three: 9-7-8.
Daily Four: 6-9-5-6.
Lucky Five: 8-18-19-20-36.

Saturday
Hoosier Lotto: 2-4-18-23-40-46.
Jackpot: \$1 million. (No winner. New jackpot: \$1.5 million.)

Daily Three Midday: 4-1-9.
Daily Three Evening: 5-6-8.
Daily Four Midday: 2-7-2-0.
Daily Four Evening: 3-4-8-6.

Lucky Five Midday: 5-13-16-24-30.
Lucky Five Evening: 4-15-19-29-31.

Powerball

3-18-39-43-54. Powerball: 41.
Power Play: 3. Jackpot: \$103 million. (No winner. New jackpot: \$115 million.)