

Rules

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"I want this changed so this doesn't happen to anybody else," Sandy Huckleberry said.

Erica Huckleberry was returning home from Vincennes University when she lost control of her car and crashed on Jan. 9, 2004, near Bloomington.

It took emergency crews 45 minutes to remove her from the wreckage, then she was taken by ambulance to Bloomington Hospital.

She was later transported to Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis by LifeLine helicopter but died en route of complications from brain-stem injuries, said Sandy Huckleberry, who questions why her daughter was not flown directly to Methodist.

In researching Erica's case, she discovered that only local physicians, not emergency medical technicians and paramedics, are authorized to request a medical transport by air.

Bloomington Hospital spokeswoman Jonna Risher said that in situations such as assessing car crash victims, paramedics and EMTs act as the eyes and ears for local doctors.

The goal for emergency service workers is to get patients to a controlled environment where they can be stabilized and fully assessed, she said. If a physician believes a patient requires air transport to another facility, it will be discussed with other doctors, and air transport will be ordered, Risher said.

Steve Johnson, director of LifeLine, said his organization can assist with training for emergency personnel and does offer some tips on when calling in air transport might be needed.

"But it's ultimately their decision," he said.

A 2000 survey by the Association of Air Medical Services found the average air transport cost is between \$2,600 and \$6,150, depending on weather, distance and other factors.

Jon Mills, a spokesman for Methodist Hospital, said LifeLine helicopters were dispatched for transport about 1,450 times in 2003 within Clarian Health's 150-mile radius coverage area.

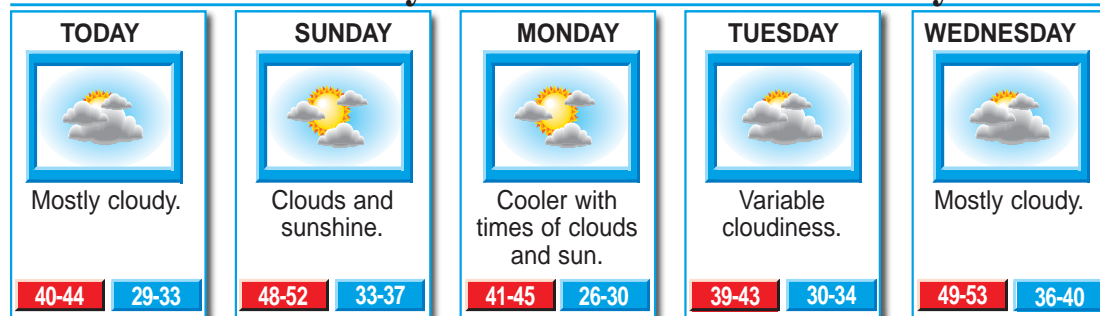
"We go wherever," Mills said. "If we're called, we go."

Erica Huckleberry, 19, was a 2002 graduate of Center Grove High School.

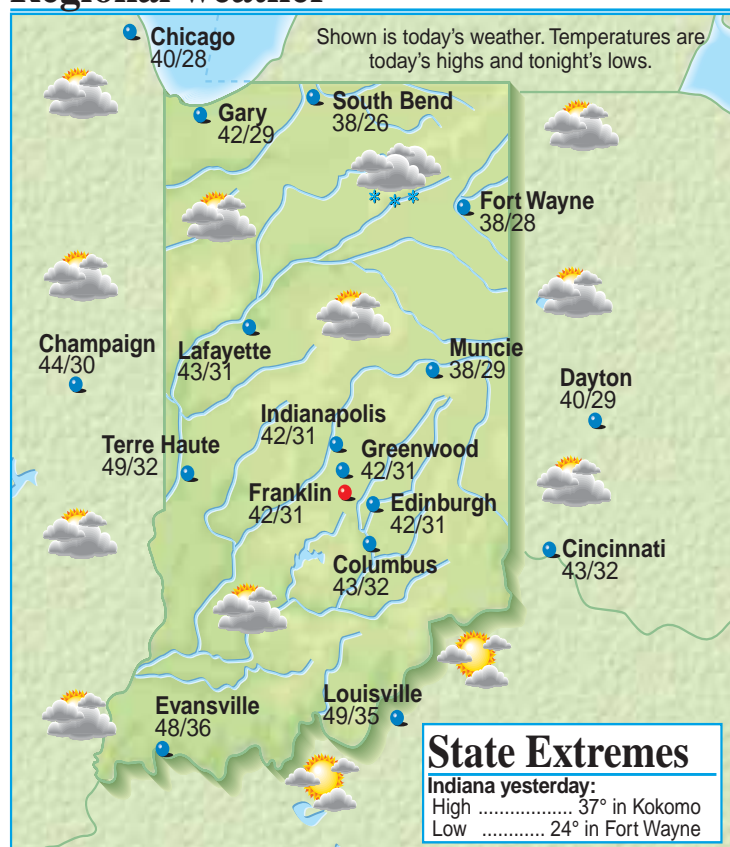
She was a member of the Japanese Club and studied the Japanese language for three years. That led to her visiting Japan as an exchange student.

WEATHER

AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Johnson County



Regional weather



Regional summary

Indianapolis/Greenwood: Variable cloudiness today. Mostly cloudy tonight. Mild with times of clouds and sunshine tomorrow.

Edinburgh/Franklin: Mostly cloudy today. Mostly cloudy tonight. Mild with times of clouds and sunshine tomorrow.

Today in weather history™

On Jan. 7, 1953, 1 to 3 inches of ice accumulated in parts of eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Connecticut.

Regional cities

| City | Yest. Hi/Lo/W | Sun. Hi/Lo/W | City | Yest. Hi/Lo/W | Sun. Hi/Lo/W |
|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Anderson | 32/26/sf | 49/35/c | Indianapolis | 35/30/sf | 50/35/pc |
| Bloomington | 36/30/sh | 54/36/pc | Kokomo | 37/30/sf | 49/33/c |
| Chicago | 31/28/sf | 40/26/c | Lafayette | 34/30/sf | 49/33/c |
| Cincinnati | 34/30/sf | 55/38/pc | Louisville | 37/33/sf | 60/44/pc |
| Evansville | 39/33/sh | 60/39/pc | Muncie | 31/28/sf | 49/35/c |
| Fort Wayne | 32/24/sf | 40/31/c | South Bend | 31/26/sf | 42/29/c |
| Gary | 36/27/sf | 45/30/c | Terre Haute | 37/32/c | 52/34/pc |

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Statistics for Indianapolis through 5 p.m. yesterday.

Temperature
High 32°
Low 30°
Normal high 34°
Normal low 19°
Record high 62° in 1880
Record low -20° in 1884

Precipitation
24 hrs. ending 5 p.m. yest. trace
Month to date 0.28"
Normal month to date 0.48"
Year to date 0.28"
Normal year to date 0.48"

Wind
Average dir./speed W at 11.9 mph
Highest speed 20

Humidity
Yesterday's average 71%
Today's average 67%

Air quality
Indianapolis Source: IAPC
Yesterday 17
0-50, Good; 51-100, Moderate; 101-151, Unhealthy (sens. grps.); 151-200, Unhealthy

Sun and moon

Sunrise today 8:05 a.m.
Sunset tonight 5:36 p.m.
Moonrise today 12:39 p.m.
Moonset today 1:33 a.m.

Full Last New First

Jan 14 Jan 22 Jan 29 Feb 5

AccuWeather UV Index™

Highest Today in Johnson County
Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.

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0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11+

Low Moderate High Very High Extreme

Weather Trivia™

What is the coldest it has ever been in the United States?

Jan. 23, 1971.
-79.8°F at Prospect Creek, Alaska.

Wind Chill Today

How cold it feels based on temperature and wind speed.

8 a.m. Noon 4 p.m.

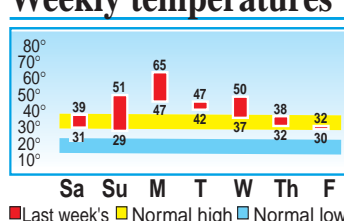
22° 29° 35°

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 34
Month to date 139
Normal month to date 226

Weekly temperatures

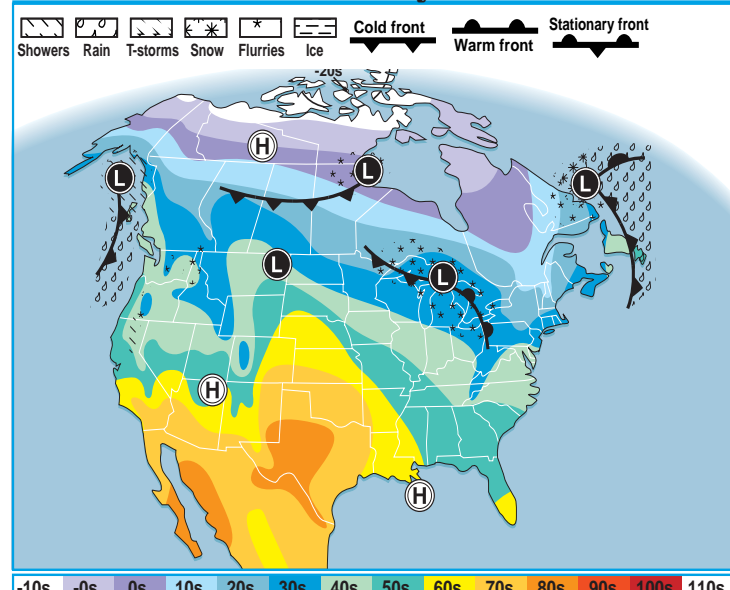


River stages

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

| Station | Fid | Stage | Chg |
|--------------------------------|-----|-------|-------|
| White River | | | |
| Mooresville | 9 | 8.60 | -0.12 |
| White River (East Fork) | | | |
| Edinburgh | 12 | 5.98 | -0.42 |

National weather today



National cities

| City | Yest. Hi/Lo/W | Sun. Hi/Lo/W | City | Yest. Hi/Lo/W | Sun. Hi/Lo/W |
|----------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Albany, NY | 35/28/sf | 36/25/sn | Houston | 64/43/s | 80/58/s |
| Atlanta | 43/37/c | 61/47/s | Jacksonville | 57/41/pc | 65/41/s |
| Atlantic City | 43/30/sh | 45/34/c | Kansas City | 45/33/pc | 54/28/pc |
| Baltimore | 43/36/sh | 49/34/c | Las Vegas | 67/43/pc | 65/40/s |
| Boston | 38/34/sn | 38/32/sf | Los Angeles | 85/56/s | 68/50/s |
| Buffalo | 31/21/sf | 38/30/sf | Louisville | 37/33/sf | 60/44/pc |
| Burlington, VT | 34/21/sf | 30/23/sn | Memphis | 43/34/sf | 70/51/s |
| Champaign | 33/30/c | 50/30/pc | Miami | 68/59/c | 70/58/s |
| Charleston, SC | 55/42/c | 63/44/s | Milwaukee | 31/26/c | 36/27/c |
| Cheyenne | 61/37/pc | 46/17/pc | Minneapolis | 29/21/sf | 30/17/sf |
| Chicago | 31/28/sf | 40/26/c | Nashville | 39/33/sf | 65/46/pc |
| Cleveland | 31/24/sf | 40/34/c | New Orleans | 53/45/s | 74/56/pc |
| Columbia, SC | 53/42/pc | 61/42/s | New York | 45/38/c | 44/36/c |
| Columbus, GA | 48/42/c | 70/49/s | Philadelphia | 44/37/pc | 46/34/c |
| Dallas | 62/39/s | 78/48/pc | Phoenix | 80/60/s | 75/44/s |
| Denver | 68/35/s | 54/20/pc | St. Louis | 36/30/pc | 60/35/pc |
| Des Moines | 34/23/sh | 40/22/c | Salt Lake City | 47/24/pc | 40/21/sn |
| Detroit | 31/19/sf | 36/31/c | San Francisco | 58/45/pc | 57/44/pc |
| El Paso | 63/28/s | 70/39/sf | Seattle | 55/51/sh | 46/40/sh |
| Fairbanks | -16/-22/pc | -5/-15/pc | Tampa | 64/52/pc | 66/48/s |
| Honolulu | 79/66/pc | 81/67/s | Washington, DC | 43/37/sh | 50/36/c |

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

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Errors

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impersonated a nurse or doctor in a hospital, or if doctors gave a baby to the wrong parents? Those errors are on the list, too.

The goal is to identify mistakes a hospital is making, see how that hospital compares to others in the state and prompt discussion about why the mistakes happened and how to prevent them.

The rule makes Indiana the second state, behind Minnesota, to require such mistakes to be public.

Hospitals were hesitant about making their mistakes public because of the growing number of medical malpractice lawsuits, Johnson Memorial Hospital spokesman Bill Oakes said.

Doctors did not want information used against them, and hospitals did not want their errors used as a basis for punishment from the state.

But Daniels reassured hospitals that the list will not be used for punishment.

Community Hospital South and its partner hospitals in Indianapolis have advocated making errors public for the past few years, said Cleo Burgard, network executive director for Community Health Network.

Community Health Network wants to learn from other hospitals' mistakes and vice versa to improve the safety of health-care statewide, Burgard said.

Most errors in hospitals are due to procedural issues, she said.

For example, hospitals formerly had problems with giving patients carbon dioxide instead of oxygen. Tanks were set up so that a simple flip of a switch would pump carbon dioxide instead of oxygen, she said.

Now hospitals use oxygen containers that cannot be switched over to carbon dioxide, she said.

These types of safety mea-



DANIELS



OAKES

DIAGNOSING HOSPITAL ERRORS

Starting this month, hospitals must report certain errors to the Indiana State Department of Health. The department will post hospital errors on its Web site at the end of the year and publish an annual report with the same information. Errors hospitals must report are:

- Surgical**
- Surgery performed on the wrong body part
 - Surgery performed on the wrong patient
 - Wrong surgical procedure performed on a patient
 - Foreign object left in a patient after surgery
 - Death during or immediately after surgery of a normal, healthy patient
- Products or devices**
- Use of contaminated drugs, devices or biologics
 - Use or malfunction of a device in patient care
 - Intravascular air embolism
- Patient protection**
- Infant discharged to the wrong person
 - Patient death or serious disability associated with patient disappearance
 - Patient suicide or attempted suicide resulting in serious disability
- Patient death or serious disability associated with**
- Medical error

- Reaction due to incompatible blood or blood products
 - Labor or delivery in low-risk pregnancy
 - Directly related to hypoglycemia
 - Hyperbilirubinemia (too much bilirubin in blood, which leads to jaundice) in newborn infants
 - Spinal manipulative therapy
 - Stage 3 or Stage 4 ulcers acquired after admission to a facility
 - Electric shock
 - Burn incurred while being cared for in facility
 - Fall while being cared for in a facility
 - Use or lack of restraints or bedrails while being cared for in a facility
 - Any incident in which a line designated for oxygen or other gas to be delivered to a patient contains the wrong gas or is contaminated by toxic substances
- Criminal**
- Any instance of care ordered by or provided by someone impersonating a physician, nurse, pharmacist, or other licensed health-care professional
 - Abduction of a patient
 - Sexual assault on a patient within or on the grounds of the hospital
 - Death or significant injury of a patient or staff member resulting from a physician assault that occurs in or on the grounds of the hospital

SOURCES: Indiana Department of Health

asures stem from a trend that started about 10 years ago, when hospitals started examining the quality of health care they were providing patients and taking steps to prevent mistakes.

Johnson Memorial nurses, doctors and medical staff continually double-check what type of surgery a patient is having, from when that patient walks in the door to just before surgeons begin a procedure.

A nurse checks a calendar listing the patient's name, type of surgery and location of surgery, confirms that information orally and in writing with the patient and has the patient make a pen mark on where the surgery will be if possible. Then doctors check that information again before starting surgery.

Following this procedure each time surgery is performed should assure that the right surgery is performed on the right patient, Oakes said.

Johnson Memorial publishes its own quality report online, which acts as the hospital's report card.

Hospital administrators wanted to publish the report to make the county-owned hospital more accountable to the public. Making error rates public will further that accountability, they believe.

Oakes said he expects patients to react to error reports the way they did in Minnesota. They wanted to know why mistakes happened and what hospitals were doing to keep those errors from happening again.

Making error rates public will push hospitals toward answering those questions publicly, he said.

LOTTERY

Here are the winning numbers selected Friday in the Hoosier Lottery:

Daily Three Midday: 8-7-0.
Daily Three Evening: 8-9-2.
Daily Four Midday: 6-2-6-8.
Daily Four Evening: 6-9-3-2.
Lucky Five Midday: 7-9-13-27-31.
Lucky Five Evening: 3-17-26-29-33.
Hoosier Lotto jackpot: \$24.5 million.
Powerball jackpot: \$57 million.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Johnson County Builder Council & The Builders Association of Greater Indianapolis extend their Gratitude and Appreciation to the 2005 Associate and Builder of the Year!

2005 ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR

JOE BARRETT, Barrett & Associates, Inc.

Joe Barrett has been a member of both the Johnson County Builder Council and BAGI since 2003. In January of this year, he was voted onto the council Board of Directors, where he currently serves as secretary. Joe is a liaison to the Golf Committee, and a committee member on the Holiday Party.

Joe has been with Barrett & Associates as an Insurance Agent for the past 3 1/2 years. Before, he was with 84 Lumber as an Area Manager for 4 years.

Joe graduated from Berry College in Georgia, where he met his wife of 15 years, Jennifer. They have two children; a daughter, Morgan, and a son, Will. Joe is an active member of St. Barnabas Church, and enjoys boating, fishing, hunting and playing cards. If you ask his coworkers, they'll tell you that Joe is "a great boss to have."

2005 BUILDER OF THE YEAR

HERSCHEL ATKINSON, Allen & Atkinson

Hersh Atkinson has been a member of the Johnson County Builder Council since 1989. In 1997, he was honored as Builder of the Year. Two years later, Atkinson served as President of the Council, and as an ex-officio member of the BAGI Board of Directors. Currently, he is finishing his second, 3-year term as a BAGI board member, and in January of 2005, he was sworn in as the BAGI President. Hersh was also elected as a Board member to the Johnson County council in 2003.

Hersh and his wife of 14 years, Laura, have one daughter, Lindsey, a student at Center Grove. She is active in Basketball and has participated in several National AAU tournaments. Hersh's other children are Amanda, who resides in Florida with her husband Steve, and Chris, who just graduated from law school and is preparing to take the state bar exam.

Hersh's hobbies include traveling with his daughter for basketball, golfing, and of course, football. Hersh is a loyal supporter of the Indianapolis Colts.

The criteria for nominations are members who have contributed the most towards the efforts of the Johnson County Builders Council in representing the construction industry in and around Johnson County.

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