

# Approval

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will likely also give the permit a green flag. The state then issues the permit to the applicant.

But in some cases, Pitcher will deny the permit for additional reasons, such as if the person has a history of domestic violence reports or arrests or if they lie on their application, he said.

His concern is that sometimes the state will overturn his decision and approve the request anyway.

Last year, Pitcher denied 15 requests. He didn't know whether the state overturned any of his decisions.

Other police officials in the county, including Sheriff Terry McLaughlin and Franklin police Chief John Borges, said they haven't run into that issue. They follow the state's guidelines and usually their decision agrees with the state's.

## GETTING A PERMIT

### How to do it

Indiana residents have steps to follow to get a permit.

- File an application with your local police department that includes your name, address, how long you've lived in the community, occupation, place of employment, criminal record (if any) and a description that includes eye color, weight, height and any scars or markings.
- Pay a fee of \$10 to the local police department and \$15 to state police, or \$5 for a hunting or target license.
- Police will then search your criminal history and approve or deny the application.
- The application is then forwarded onto the Indiana State Police who will also check your criminal history and approve or deny the application.
- If the application is approved, state police will mail the gun permit to you within about six to eight weeks.

SOURCE: Capt. Doug Shelton, Indiana State Police Firearms Licensing Division

**What can go wrong**  
State law gives reasons for denying a permit to carry a handgun, such as a conviction of a violent crime, but local police said they have their own reasons too.

**State law says a person cannot get a permit if they:**

- Are under 18 years of age or under 23 years of age if a person has a committed felony as a juvenile.
- Were convicted of a felony.
- Were arrested for a Class A or B felony or any other felony that was committed while armed with a deadly weapon or that involved the use of violence.
- Is purposely untruthful about information on their application.

**Greenwood police Chief Joe Pitcher will deny a permit application if the person:**

- Has a history of domestic violence calls or arrests.
  - Lies about their criminal history on their application.
- In addition, gun dealers cannot knowingly sell a handgun to any person who:
- Is a drug abuser.
  - Is an alcohol abuser.
  - Is mentally incompetent.
- SOURCE: Indiana State law and Greenwood police Chief Joe Pitcher

# Killing

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He and Morgan County Prosecutor Steve Sonnega scheduled a news conference for today to announce the charges in the death of Linda Smith, 55, whose body was found in a hot tub on Nov. 9, 2003.

An autopsy performed by Coroner Earl Piper showed Linda Smith died of strangulation.

At the time of his wife's death, Michael Smith admitted to police he had been in the couple's home at 3630 Mary Holmes Road, which is a Trafalgar mailing address but is across the Brown County line, the night she died. Smith said he had fallen asleep while she was in the hot tub.

He said that when he awoke, he found his wife face-down in the water. Smith told authorities he tried to resuscitate his wife but was unable to do so.

If Smith is convicted, Stogsdill could be vindicated in a civil lawsuit Smith filed in November. It alleges that Stogsdill defamed Smith by naming him as a suspect in his wife's death.

According to the tort claim, Michael Smith claims that multiple statements made by the sheriff in the Daily Journal on Nov. 13 and 14 were defamatory.

The case, in which Smith seeks \$300,000 in damages, is working its way through the Brown County courts.

# Dinner

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than \$2 million for local road projects, Skillman said.

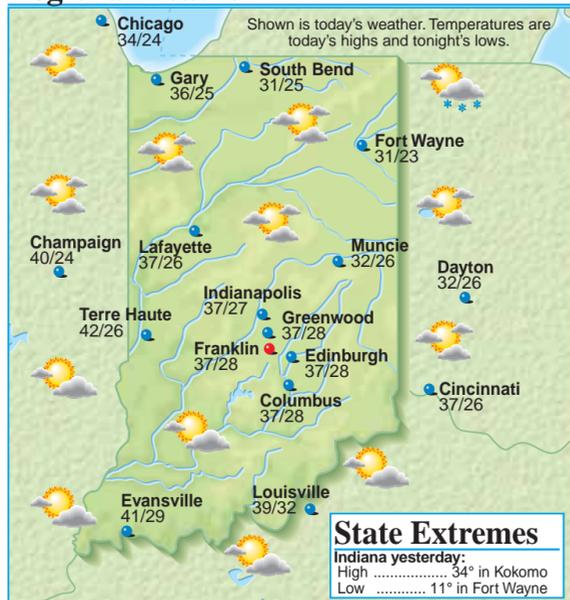
"All counties have a backlog of road projects they can't get to," she said. "Our plan would help that happen."

# WEATHER

## AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Johnson County

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly sunny; cold.	Partly sunny and not as cold.	Chance of a shower in the afternoon.	Mostly cloudy, rain possible; breezy, mild.	Partly sunny; colder.
35-39 26-30	42-46 30-34	46-50 36-40	52-56 29-33	37-41 21-25

## Regional weather



## Regional summary

**Indianapolis/Greenwood:** Breezy with intervals of clouds and sunshine today. Partly cloudy tonight. Clouds and sunshine tomorrow; milder in the afternoon.  
**Edinburgh/Franklin:** Partly sunny and cold today. Partly cloudy tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow and not as cold in the afternoon.

## Today in weather history™

A gale-whipped blizzard on Feb. 13, 1899, dumped up to 3 feet of snow from Massachusetts to Delaware. Cold air pushed deep into the South.

## Regional cities

City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Tues. Hi/Lo/W	City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Tues. Hi/Lo/W
Anderson	31/21/sf	43/33/pc	Indianapolis	34/26/sf	46/33/pc
Bloomington	34/26/sf	48/33/pc	Kokomo	34/25/c	44/32/pc
Chicago	32/23/sf	40/28/pc	Lafayette	34/25/sf	45/30/pc
Cincinnati	32/26/sf	46/34/pc	Louisville	36/28/sf	49/37/pc
Evansville	33/24/sf	51/38/pc	Muncie	30/19/sf	42/34/pc
Fort Wayne	32/11/sf	40/28/pc	South Bend	32/17/sf	39/29/pc
Gary	34/24/sf	42/30/pc	Terre Haute	34/26/sf	49/35/pc

## Sun and moon

Sunrise today ..... 7:39 a.m.  
Sunset tonight ..... 6:18 p.m.  
Moonrise today ..... 6:54 p.m.  
Moonset today ..... 8:08 a.m.



## AccuWeather UV Index™

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



## Weather Trivia™

Do Canadians own more snowblowers or air conditioners?

50 percent more air conditioners

## Wind Chill Today

How cold it feels based on temperature and wind speed.

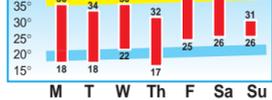
8 a.m.	Noon	4 p.m.
11°	20°	26°

## 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	36
Month to date	399
Normal month to date	438

## Weekly temperatures



## River stages

Station	Fld Stage	Chg
White River		
Mooreville	9	8.31 -0.06
White River (East Fork)		
Edinburgh	12	4.95 -0.05

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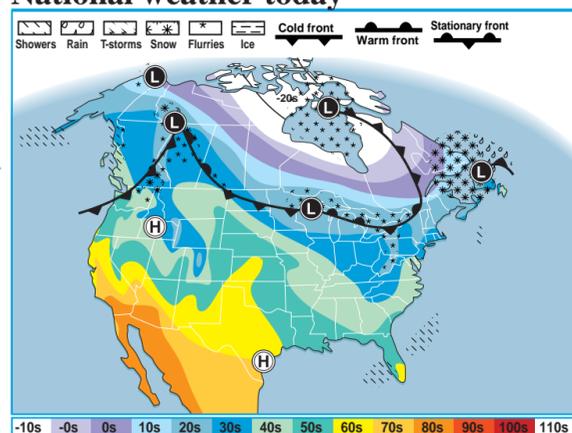
## Almanac

Forecasts and graphics provided by AccuWeather, Inc. ©2006 Statistics for Indianapolis through 5 p.m. yesterday.

Temperature	Wind
High ..... 31°	Average dir./speed WNW at 11.8 mph
Low ..... 26°	Highest speed ..... 19
Normal high ..... 39°	<b>Humidity</b>
Normal low ..... 22°	Yesterday's average ..... 78%
Record high ..... 66° in 1984	Today's average ..... 58%
Record low ..... -10° in 1899	

**Precipitation**  
24 hrs. ending 5 p.m. yest. .... trace  
Month to date ..... 1.29"  
Normal month to date ..... 0.96"  
Year to date ..... 4.59"  
Normal year to date ..... 3.44"

## National weather today



## National cities

City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Tues. Hi/Lo/W	City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Tues. Hi/Lo/W
Albany, NY	24/20/sn	34/24/c	Houston	59/30/s	70/54/s
Atlanta	39/30/sf	56/37/s	Jacksonville	51/35/pc	60/35/s
Atlantic City	35/24/sn	44/28/pc	Kansas City	39/18/pc	60/31/pc
Baltimore	34/28/sn	42/28/pc	Las Vegas	64/40/s	72/48/pc
Boston	29/17/sn	39/30/pc	Los Angeles	84/50/s	72/52/pc
Buffalo	26/12/sf	35/29/sf	Louisville	36/28/sf	49/37/pc
Burlington, VT	20/9/c	25/18/sf	Memphis	35/24/pc	57/43/s
Champaign	30/22/sf	46/30/pc	Miami	71/53/sh	64/53/s
Charleston, SC	51/34/pc	58/35/s	Milwaukee	30/24/sf	39/25/pc
Cheyenne	46/28/s	41/15/pc	Minneapolis	22/8/sf	36/18/pc
Chicago	32/23/sf	40/28/pc	Nashville	36/28/sf	55/38/s
Cleveland	29/21/sf	38/31/pc	New Orleans	48/30/s	65/49/pc
Columbia, SC	49/32/sh	58/31/s	New York	31/24/sn	39/30/pc
Columbus, GA	44/30/pc	61/38/s	Philadelphia	32/23/sn	41/30/pc
Dallas	59/23/s	68/50/s	Phoenix	77/42/s	79/50/s
Denver	53/11/s	50/18/pc	St. Louis	31/24/sn	55/37/pc
Des Moines	30/21/sf	49/22/pc	Salt Lake City	41/17/pc	43/26/pc
Detroit	32/15/sf	38/28/pc	San Francisco	59/47/pc	61/44/pc
El Paso	56/19/s	72/46/s	Seattle	55/37/pc	43/31/sh
Fairbanks	35/17/sf	28/5/s	Tampa	55/46/pc	65/43/s
Honolulu	78/65/sh	79/64/s	Washington, DC	36/29/sn	46/34/pc

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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# Swimmer

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swimmer, increasing her total to four individual titles with two more years remaining.

"She's the best swimmer in the state of Indiana right now on the girls side," Todd said. "There's no question."

McKeehan, however, refused to use her cold as an excuse for coming up fingertips shy of two state records.

She won the 200 IM in 2:00.99, one-hundredth of a second slower than her winning time last year, yet still nearly four full seconds in front of the closest challenger. McKeehan was chasing the state record of 2:00.33.

"There were areas I could have improved," she said. "I was nervous going into that race because everyone was making a big deal about being a defending state champion."

"I don't normally like to focus on that; I'd prefer to focus on my times, but that that's all people talked about."

Her victory in the 100 breaststroke was even more decisive and even closer to the state record of 1:01.98, held by Trojan alumna Laura Swander.

McKeehan jumped out to the lead after the first 15 yards and pulled away with a startling economy of motion.

She completed half the race in 29.19 seconds and was charging for the record in the final few yards before coming up just short. Her body shook with hard coughs as she cooled down in the

pool after the race.

"It's kind of frustrating knowing you're so close to the records, but at the same time it's exciting the more I think about it," McKeehan said after the meet ended. "Now I have even more to shoot for next year. I can concentrate less on winning the events and more on my times and the state records because there's plenty of work to do."

Next season, McKeehan will bid to become only the second girl ever to win three state titles in the breaststroke as she attempts to join Floyd Central's Brook Monroe, who won the races from 1995-97.

And in the long term, McKeehan is on track to join Elkhart Central's Lindsay Benko as the only other girl to win four state titles in two different individual events. Benko swept the 100 and 200 freestyle races from 1992-95.

Coach Todd thinks a full winter of training in addition to good health can boost McKeehan's chances at the state records next year.

In addition to the illness, she was set back a little by a week-and-a-half trip to Australia in early January as part of the U.S. Junior National team's five-day appearance at the Victoria state championships.

"She swam out of her mind there, but she was out of her training regimen at a crucial time," he said. "So coming back and getting this close after missing all that time and being sick is really impressive."

"Those aren't excuses, but they're two circumstances that make you think she can do even better."

### TOP TROJANS

Event	Swimmer, year in school, year achieved
100 breaststroke	Laura Swander, jr., 1999
100 breaststroke	Laura Swander, sr., 2000
100 breaststroke	Michelle McKeehan, fr., 2005
100 breaststroke	Michelle McKeehan, soph., 2006
200 ind. medley	Abbie Goff, fr., 1992
200 ind. medley	Michelle McKeehan, fr., 2005
200 ind. medley	Michelle McKeehan, soph., 2006
100 freestyle	Sarah Bowman, sr., 1999
200 freestyle relay	Sarah Bowman, sr.; Amy Todd, soph.; Stephanie Nugent, jr.; Laura Swander, jr., 1999

Skillman also credited the governor with repaying schools money after starting a tax amnesty program, which created \$255 million for the state.

She also said the administration is taking a lead in research and biofuels industries.

The state has at least six new businesses in the biofuels industry and has more than 21 gas pumps across Indiana that pro-

duce an alternative gasoline, known as E-85 fuel, Skillman said.

Skillman encouraged the Republicans to continue leading the county as the election season gets underway.

About 40 candidates running for U.S., state, county and township posts in this year's election also came out to Sunday's event.

# Children with Down syndrome increasingly sought for adoption

By MARGARET STAFFORD  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.**  
Seven was not enough for Diane and David Petersohn, so they decided to adopt.

And since one of their seven children has Down syndrome, they decided they wanted another one with Down syndrome.

The Petersohns found that they had plenty of company. The couple from Liberty, Mo., placed their names on national lists of people seeking to adopt children with Down syndrome, and waited.

After waiting nearly three years they turned to a private agency that facilitates international adoptions. Today, they're raising money and completing paperwork to adopt a 6-month-old

## AT A GLANCE

**What is Down syndrome?** There are three different forms, but the most common occurs when an egg or sperm cell has an extra chromosome No. 21.

**How prevalent is it?** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that there is one for every 733 live births. There are about 350,000 people with Down syndrome in the U.S.

**What causes it?** No one knows. Possible causes include hormonal abnormalities, viral infections or genetic predisposition. The risk of having a child with Down syndrome increases as the mother ages. However, more than 85 percent are born to mothers younger than 35.

boy from Ecuador who has the syndrome, a type of retardation caused by a genetic malfunction.

Most who seek to adopt Down syndrome children have had a

family member, friend or acquaintance with the disorder, or work with them in medical or school professions.

"People think they are just great kids, people feel like they are very lovable," said Rachel Crews, a social worker with the Special Additions adoption agency in Stillwell, Kan.

Changing attitudes toward people with all disabilities and improved medical treatments also are helping unite these children with families, advocates say.

"Society as a whole is much more accepting," said David Tolleson, executive director of the National Down Syndrome Congress in Atlanta. "You are much more likely today to see people with disabilities in the media, places of worship, schools."

# Schools hope snowshoes get students moving

By J.M. HIRSH  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**CONCORD, N.H.**  
Consider it winter warfare in the battle against childhood obesity.

A growing number of schools in the Northeast are retooling their phys-ed programs to add snowshoeing, an enticement to the video game generation to get outside and make the most of the region's long, cold winters.

"I hate to say we're in a crisis, but we are," Aaron Loukes, a gym teacher at Lin-Wood Elementary School in Lincoln, N.H., said recently while leading 13 first-graders on a snowshoe trek through woods near the school.

"We need to get people moving." For much of the year, that's not so easy. The Northeast is home to most of the nation's roughly 500 school snowshoe programs, many of which sprang up over the past five years as childhood obesity has become a concern. Here, winter can mean months of fitness-quashing frigid temperatures and snow, and endless hours in front of the tube.

But a loose coalition of educators, public health officials and snowshoe manufacturers hopes to change that with curricula and grants to train and equip teachers and students to embrace this

seasonal fitness opportunity.

Snowshoes certainly aren't the only winter option, but for many schools they may be the most practical. Skis can cost a fortune and require regular upkeep. Learning to ski can be tricky and time-consuming — tough to do when the typical gym class lasts 45 minutes.

Meanwhile, outfitting a class of 30 with snowshoes runs around \$1,200. Maintenance mostly is a matter of keeping them clean. And the learning curve?

"It looks complex, but the reality is it's just walking," says Kathy Murphy, general manager of Vermont-based Tubbs Snowshoe Co., which helps schools get equipment and training. "They are able to master the sport in just minutes."

Modern snowshoes are lightweight oblong frames covered with mesh or other material and are strapped to the bottoms of regular boots or shoes. The shoe broadens the surface area of the foot, allowing the user to walk more easily through snow.

Though snowshoes date back 6,000 years, only recently have they attracted attention as a recreational sport. Ski areas now offer lessons, rentals and trails. In 2004, some 4.7 million Americans went snowshoeing, according to the Outdoor Industry Foundation.

# Crash

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been involved with," Lt. Jerry Pickett of the Johnson County Sheriff's Department said. "I've been here for 22 to 23 years. It was so congested. People caught behind the accident were just stuck."

Some stuck motorists built snowmen in the median.

Others were routed to U.S. 31 and State Road 44.

"I just think it was unexpected," Gabbard said. "(The snow) just came so quickly."

# LOTTERIES

Here are the winning numbers selected over the weekend:

**Indiana**

**Sunday**  
Daily Three: 8-5-0.  
Daily Four: 3-3-3-1.  
Lucky Five: 9-10-19-26-33.

**Saturday**  
Hoosier Lotto: 6-13-18-25-30-34.  
Jackpot: \$3.5 million. (No winner. New jackpot: \$4 million.)  
Daily Three Midday: 6-7-0.  
Daily Three Evening: 9-4-3.  
Daily Four Midday: 9-5-9-0.  
Daily Four Evening: 2-4-6-4.  
Lucky Five Midday: 1-4-5-18-22.  
Lucky Five Evening: 15-21-28-30-33.

**Powerball**  
7-38-40-51-