

# Coffee

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She has charged about \$252 on her credit card for Starbucks since the start of the year, and if the trend continues, she will have about \$1,591 in credit card debt from coffee alone by the end of the year.

Luckily her credit limit is not that high, she said.

Zehr said she does not pay much attention to how her coffee debt adds up. About \$4.26 a day during the week does not seem like much when considered alone, she said.

And she considers coffee a necessity, as important as food and water.

"I know that just using a coffee pot at home would be cheaper for me," she said. "But I can't exactly just make a white mocha by whipping one up in a coffee maker."

Nichols has tried to scale back his coffee consumption; his wife noticed the repeated debit card purchases at Starbucks and was not pleased. He spent nearly \$300 on Starbucks in a month because of coffee stops on the way to and from work and during the weekends.

Now he gets coffee on his way to work only, and most of the time, if he tries hard enough, avoids stopping at coffee shops on the way home. And he switched to grande-sized drinks instead of the bigger, more expensive venti-sized beverages he used to buy.

Franklin resident Anne Whiting said she nags her husband about his coffee intake too.

She took his cash away from him so he would not buy any Starbucks on the way to work, but he started to use his checkbook. She took his checkbook, and he started to use his credit card.

Whiting gave up when her husband started using plastic.

And sometimes, at least three times during the week, she'll stop by Starbucks or Benjamin's Coffeehouse and Deli in downtown Franklin and use her credit card to buy coffee too.

"I know it's hypocritical, but once you start, it's hard to stop," she said.

Nichols quit smoking about ten years ago, and said the habit was easier to break than coffee drinking.

"That's a bit of an exaggeration, obviously, but it really is hard to quit getting coffee every morning," he said. "I keep making excuses, saying each time it will be the last, but it's not. It's habit."

Greenwood resident Marilyn Hash stops at the Franklin Starbucks every day on her way to work, and goes to the Starbucks at Emerson Avenue and Main Street on her way back home. She buys a \$2.11 cup of coffee and newspaper in the morning, and a \$1.61 cup of decaf coffee on her way home.

The habit costs her about \$74 a month, since she avoids fancy and expensive espresso drinks, she said.

Hash sets aside money at the start of each week to make sure she can afford her Starbucks fix. Sometimes she will use pennies along with cash.

Franklin residents Don and Wilma Deck are just discovering Starbucks. Family members, hooked on Starbucks themselves, bought the Decks two \$10 Starbucks gift cards, which they used for small cappuccinos and sugar-free banana cake.

They plan to stop by at Starbucks every so often from now on, and Wilma Deck said she may go for the banana cake alone.

# Shops

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"Starbucks I think is OK if you're out on the road and need drive-through," she said. "But if I'm going to sit down and have coffee, I want someplace unique."

For example, she does not go to Starbucks when visiting cities, preferring to sample local coffee shops.

Franklin resident Janice Miller said she is the same way. If she ever gets coffee, she goes to Benjamin's, and does not plan to change that habit.

Benjamin's is still selling about the same amount of coffee each day, its most popular being the house blend, the owner said. The business uses about 10 pots of the house blend a day, compared to other kinds of coffee such as the regional blend, of which about six pots are used.

Most customers are regulars who either stop by on their way to and from the interstate, or visit during lunch if they work near downtown, owner Mitzi Christian said.

Miller will stop by Benjamin's in the morning.

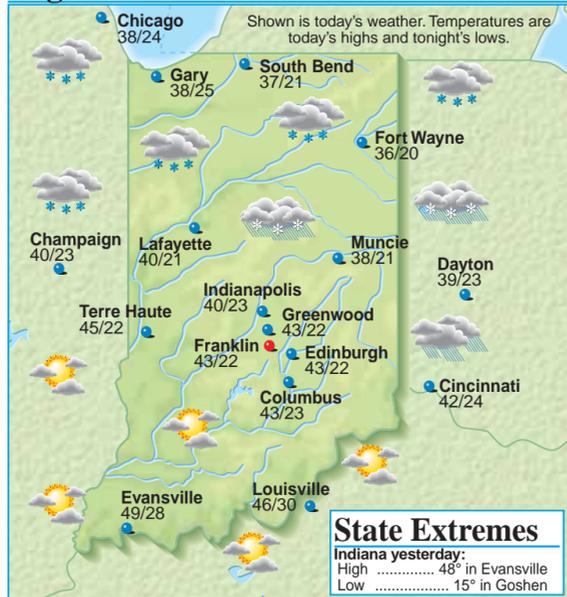
"I'm not saying I never go to Starbucks, obviously," she said. "But it's nice to have a place we can go to and call our own."

# WEATHER

## AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Johnson County

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
41-45 20-24	46-50 33-37	48-52 42-46	65-69 46-50	64-68 44-48

## Regional weather



### State Extremes

Indiana yesterday:

High	48° in Evansville
Low	15° in Goshen

## Regional summary

**Indianapolis/Greenwood:** Plenty of clouds today with a bit of rain in the afternoon. Cloudy with a mix of rain and wet snow tonight.

**Edinburgh/Franklin:** Rather cloudy today with showers in the afternoon. Cloudy tonight with a mixture of rain and snow. A rain shower possible tomorrow.

## Today in weather history™

A storm that had caused floods on the West Coast hit farther east on March 6, 1983. A tornado at Monroe, N.C., derailed a train. Winnipeg, Canada, was encased in ice.

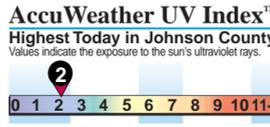
## Regional cities

City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Tues. Hi/Lo/W	City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Tues. Hi/Lo/W
Anderson	42/21/r	46/33/s	Indianapolis	41/23/sn	49/35/s
Bloomington	42/21/sh	51/33/s	Kokomo	44/23/sn	48/33/s
Chicago	34/25/sn	42/34/pc	Lafayette	35/25/sn	50/33/s
Cincinnati	48/25/pc	48/33/s	Louisville	48/27/sh	53/39/s
Evansville	48/27/sh	54/38/pc	Muncie	45/19/sn	45/32/s
Fort Wayne	43/17/sn	42/33/s	South Bend	39/17/sn	45/29/s
Gary	39/23/sn	45/31/pc	Terre Haute	42/23/sh	50/34/pc

## Sun and moon

Sunrise today	7:10 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:42 p.m.
Moonrise today	10:55 a.m.
Moonset today	1:51 a.m.

Mar 6 Mar 14 Mar 22 Mar 29



## Weather Trivia™

What is the record low temperature for the lower 48 states in March?

March 17, 1906  
-50°F at Snake River, Wyo., on

## Wind Chill Today

How cold it feels based on temperature and wind speed.

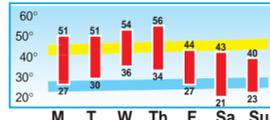
8 a.m.	27°
Noon	32°
4 p.m.	35°

## 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	33
Month to date	135
Normal month to date	142

## 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			
Mooresville	9	7.83	-0.04
White River (East Fork)			
Edinburgh	12	4.41	-0.02

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### Temperature

High	40°
Low	23°
Normal high	47°
Normal low	28°
Record high	75° in 1983
Record low	-1° in 1978

### Precipitation

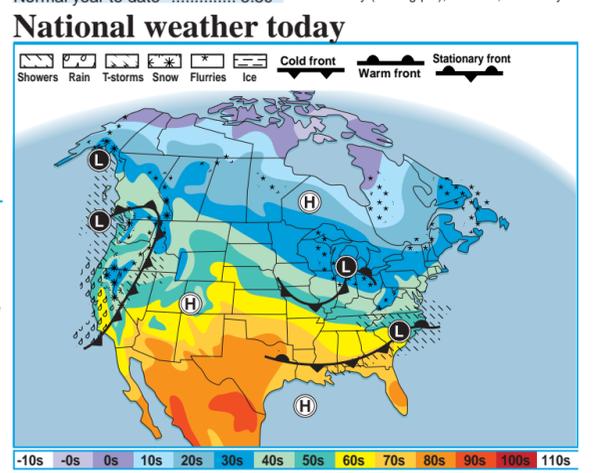
24 hrs. ending 5 p.m. yest.	0.04"
Month to date	0.04"
Normal month to date	0.50"
Year to date	5.23"
Normal year to date	5.39"

### Air quality

Indianapolis Source: IAPC

Yesterday	63
0-50, Good; 51-100, Moderate; 101-151, Unhealthy (sens. grps.); 151-200, Unhealthy	

## 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	40/25/s	36/15/pc	Houston	77/56/c	78/62/pc
Atlanta	66/38/s	62/38/s	Jacksonville	70/37/s	63/38/s
Atlantic City	50/29/s	45/22/s	Kansas City	64/44/sh	56/48/t
Baltimore	53/27/s	46/26/s	Las Vegas	66/44/pc	65/45/pc
Boston	47/28/s	40/26/pc	Los Angeles	66/44/s	60/48/sh
Buffalo	35/19/s	32/19/pc	Louisville	48/27/sh	53/39/s
Burlington, VT	32/21/s	32/13/sf	Memphis	69/41/sh	62/48/pc
Champaign	39/23/i	50/34/pc	Miami	79/63/pc	80/55/pc
Charleston, SC	64/34/s	58/36/s	Milwaukee	36/22/sn	41/30/pc
Cheyenne	59/26/s	57/25/pc	Minneapolis	38/32/sn	39/28/sn
Chicago	34/25/sn	42/34/pc	Nashville	59/33/c	55/40/s
Cleveland	41/20/pc	39/23/s	New Orleans	75/47/pc	74/54/pc
Columbia, SC	63/28/s	60/32/s	New York	46/33/s	40/30/s
Columbus, GA	71/39/s	65/39/s	Philadelphia	50/28/s	44/28/s
Dallas	76/58/c	75/63/pc	Phoenix	80/48/pc	77/52/s
Denver	63/28/pc	62/28/pc	St. Louis	44/37/r	55/44/pc
Des Moines	47/35/r	45/33/sh	Salt Lake City	58/28/pc	50/32/r
Detroit	42/23/pc	40/28/s	San Francisco	56/45/r	56/43/r
El Paso	78/44/pc	77/52/pc	Seattle	54/44/sh	48/38/c
Fairbanks	15/-7/pc	18/-4/sf	Tampa	76/51/s	72/46/s
Honolulu	80/68/pc	82/69/pc	Washington, DC	53/33/s	46/30/s

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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# 'Crash' takes Oscar for best picture in upset

The Associated Press

## LOS ANGELES

The ensemble drama "Crash" pulled off one of the biggest upsets in Academy Awards history, winning best picture Sunday over the cowboy romance "Brokeback Mountain," which had been the front-runner.

"Crash," featuring a huge cast in crisscrossing story lines over a chaotic 36-hour period in Los Angeles, rode a late surge of praise that lifted it past "Brokeback Mountain," a film that had won most other key Hollywood honors.

Reese Witherspoon as country singer June Carter in "Walk the Line" and Philip Seymour Hoffman as author Truman Capote in "Capote" won the lead-acting Academy Awards on Sunday.

"Oh, my goodness I never thought I'd be here in my whole life growing up in Tennessee," said Witherspoon, who like co-star Joaquin Phoenix as Carter's soul mate, country legend Johnny Cash, handled her own singing in "Walk the Line."

"People used to ask June how she was doing, and she would say I'm just trying to matter. I know what she means," said Witherspoon, who told the audience the Oscar made her feel she was doing work that matters.

Hoffman's performance nimbly straddles the magnetic qualities of raconteur Capote and the effete, off-putting egoism of the gay author.

"Wow, I'm in a category with some great, great actors, fantastic actors, and I'm overwhelmed. Really overwhelmed," said Hoffman, who asked the



AP PHOTO Actor George Clooney walks off stage with actress Nicole Kidman after accepting the Oscar for best supporting actor for his work in "Syriana" at the 78th Academy Awards on Sunday in Los Angeles.

## AT A GLANCE

Partial list of winners at the 78th annual Academy Awards, presented Sunday night at the Kodak Theatre in Los Angeles:

**Best film:** "Crash."  
**Best director:** Ang Lee, "Brokeback Mountain."

**Actor:** Philip Seymour Hoffman, "Capote."  
**Actress:** Reese Witherspoon, "Walk the Line."

**Supporting actor:** George Clooney, "Syriana."  
**Supporting actress:** Rachel Weisz, "The Constant Gardener."

Oscar audience congratulated his mother for bringing up four children alone.

"We're at the party, mom," Hoffman said. "Be proud mom, because I'm proud of you."

Ang Lee won the Academy Award as best director Sunday

gratulating me and making it out as some huge accomplishment," he said.

When the college entrance exam expanded from two sections to three last year, the mark required for perfection rose from 1,600 to 2,400.

The three sections in math, writing and critical reading are worth 800 points each.

The College Board, the New York-based organization that owns the college entrance exam, could not provide information on how many students took the exam in June and January or the number

for the cowboy romance "Brokeback Mountain," becoming the first Asian to win Hollywood's top honor for filmmakers.

Adept at genres from Westerns to historical romance to martial-arts pageants, Lee won his Oscar for an American story about two men swept up in a gay romance.

Corporate thrillers earned the supporting-performer Oscars for George Clooney in "Syriana" and Rachel Weisz in "The Constant Gardener."

The win capped a remarkable year for Clooney, who made Oscar history by becoming the first person nominated for acting in one movie and directing another.

Along with performing in "Syriana," Clooney directed the Edward R. Murrow tale "Good Night, and Good Luck," which earned him directing and writing nominations and was among the best-picture contenders.

Denz is not sure what he wants to do with his life, but is considering studying literature and following in his parents' footsteps by becoming a college professor.

His father, David, teaches philosophy at Marion College and his mother, Virginia Seubert, is a retired sociology professor at Franklin College.

If Denz had missed the top score in January, the teenager said he would have taken the test a third time.

"It's just a test," he said. "What's the point if you have to keep trying over and over again?"

# Fees

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purchases the city cannot afford, since it just started collecting the fees on Feb. 2.

Collecting the fees has not slowed down development, according to the two cities' planning departments.

Franklin has \$2.77 million in park projects planned to serve new residents during the next 10 years, including more than 100 acres of parkland, new shelters, trails and athletic fields, Franklin Parks and Recreation Superintendent Suzanne Findley said.

The plan is to use park-impact fees only to fund these projects, meaning the planned park improvements will not result in property tax increases, she said. The fee is \$587 per single-family building permit.

City officials had collected \$9,979 as of Feb. 24.

"It's not bad for 22 days," Findley said.

City and park officials will decide which projects are priorities and what to pay for after more money is collected, she said.

Greenwood still does not have a plan for how to use their money, Parks and Recreation Director Evan Springer said. A \$773 fee per single-family building permit was approved in 2003.

Instead, park officials have focused on plans for a 72-acre piece of parkland purchased on Averitt Road, previously earmarked for a new pool. The city went into debt to pay for the property, which could not be purchased with park-impact fees, since it will serve current park needs, according to consultants Lehman & Lehman.

The parks department will start planning how to spend park-impact fee money after it makes a plan for its new park, Greenwood Mayor Charles Henderson said.

Impact fees have resulted in park donations to the city, since developers can donate parkland instead of paying impact fees.

## AT A GLANCE

Franklin and Greenwood collect park-impact fees to pay for park projects to serve new residents.

Developers can avoid paying fees if they donate parkland instead.

**Greenwood**  
Collects a \$773 fee per single-family building permit. The fee was approved in 2003, and about \$1.3 million have been collected.

C.P. Morgan is the only developer that has donated parkland instead of having to pay fees, Greenwood Planning Director Ed Ferguson said. The developer donated a 43 acre park as part of the Homecoming at University Park subdivision on the city's eastside.

**Franklin**  
Collects a \$587 fee per single-family building permit. The fee was approved in July. City officials started collecting money from the fee on Feb. 2, and had collected \$9,979 as of Feb. 24. No developer has donated parkland instead of having to pay park-impact fees, Franklin Parks and Recreation Superintendent Suzanne Findley said.

**Current needs in Franklin**  
Three small shelters/gazebos  
44 acres of parkland  
Two park restrooms  
Three playsets  
One softball field  
1.16 miles of trails  
Estimated cost: \$1.059 million

**Projected needs by 2015**  
Three small shelters/gazebos  
One larger shelter  
Two outdoor basketball courts  
One outdoor volleyball court  
104 acres of parkland  
Four park restrooms  
Seven playsets  
Two softball fields  
2.61 miles of trails  
Estimated cost: \$2.77 million when adjusted for inflation

Developer C.P. Morgan donated a 43-acre park in Homecoming at University Park subdivision on the city's east side to avoid paying the fees.

# LOTTERIES

Here are the winning numbers selected over the weekend:

## Indiana

**Sunday**  
Daily Three: 7-3-0.  
Daily Four: 9-2-4-1.  
Lucky Five: 12-14-21-29-35.

**Saturday**  
Hoosier Lotto: 7-10-12-26-30-41.  
Jackpot: \$6.5 million. (One winner. New jackpot: \$1 million.)  
Daily Three Middy: 3-0-2.  
Daily Three Evening: 5-5-7.  
Daily Four Middy: 6-8-0-8.  
Daily Four Evening: 9-3-6-3.  
Lucky Five Middy: 8-16-25-35-36.  
Lucky Five Evening: 7-10-13-24-33.

**Powerball**  
13-22-27-52-55. Powerball: 26.  
Power Play: 5. Jackpot: \$40.4 million. (No winner. New jackpot: \$50 million.)