

Gasoline prices could see drop

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NEW YORK
U.S. drivers could start seeing lower prices at the pump as early as this weekend, thanks to the cascading price of crude oil and a seasonal dip in gasoline, analysts say.

A gallon of regular unleaded gasoline costs an average of \$2.325 across the country, according to the AAA.

"That's probably going to be the highest price you pay in January," Oil Price Information Service analyst Tom Kloza said. "We're going to get a nice little energy price dividend in January: If you're buying heating oil, you're going to pay a lot less than last year, and we're definitely going to be paying less for gasoline than we did in December."

Gasoline prices typically fall in January amid weaker demand, Kloza said, before perking back up around Valentine's Day and rising through the summer.

Also helping to temper gasoline prices is the recent slide in crude oil prices. Light, sweet crude for February delivery dropped as low as \$54.90 Friday — the lowest price in 19 months — before climbing back to settle at \$56.31, up 72 cents on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

After sharp drops Wednesday and Thursday, crude prices fell nearly 8 percent for the week, the biggest one-week drop since April of 2005.

February Brent crude on London's ICE Futures exchange rose 53 cents to settle at \$55.84, after earlier dropping as low as \$54.50.

Gasoline prices rose less than a penny to \$1.493 after earlier falling as low as \$1.46.

Kloza, though, said drivers shouldn't expect retail gasoline prices to drop as steeply as crude prices. Many retailers were unable to pass along higher wholesale costs in December, and they'll likely hold onto some of the price drop for themselves, he said.

A warmer winter has meant less demand for heating fuels, and the National Weather Service is forecasting continued mild conditions in the eastern United States. Temperatures could reach the upper 60s in New York on Saturday before cooling off but remaining above normal into next week, meteorologist Dennis Felten said.

Another factor is some investment and pension funds leaving commodities and moving money back into stocks, said Phil Flynn, vice president and senior market analyst at Alaron Trading Corp.

"We're catching a falling knife right now," he said. "I think we're going to struggle to find a bottom in the mid 50s here and start working back up."

But if prices fall further, they could drop close to \$50, he said.

Ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries are waiting to see whether the lower price trend continues before taking any further action, the chairman of Libya's oil company said Friday.

"We are concerned, of course," Shokri Ghanem told Dow Jones Newswires from Tripoli. "We need to see if this trend continues as it has only been for two days so far."

Natural gas in underground storage fell by 47 billion cubic feet to 3.07 trillion last week, according to the Energy Information Administration. Traders and analysts had been expecting a withdrawal of 55 billion cubic feet, according to a Dow Jones Newswires survey.

Natural gas prices rose 2.2 cents to \$6.184 per 1,000 cubic feet.

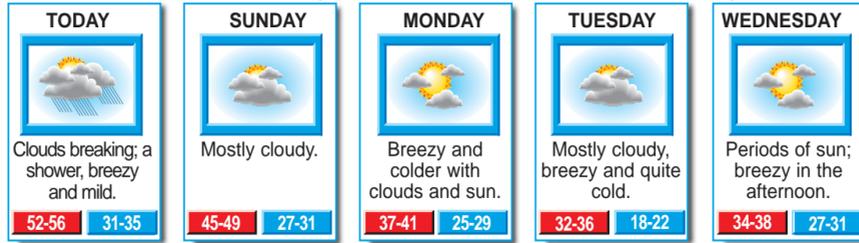
"It now seems that we might get some colder weather after January 20th, but some are wondering if that could be too little, too late," analyst Peter Beutel of energy consultancy Cameron Hanover wrote in his daily note.

LOTTERY

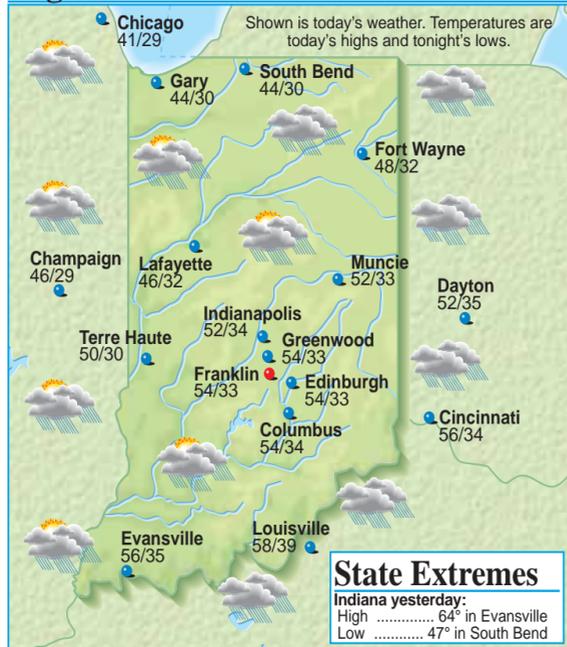
Here are the winning numbers selected Friday in the Hoosier Lottery:
Daily Three Midday: 3-9-4
Daily Three Evening: 2-5-8
Daily Four Midday: 1-6-9-9
Daily Four Evening: 6-4-0-8
Lucky Five Midday: 3-7-19-28-34
Lucky Five Evening: 2-5-6-16-22
Mix and Match: 4-5-19-27-43
Here are the winning numbers selected Thursday in the Hoosier Lottery:
Daily Three Evening: 5-5-0
Daily Four Evening: 3-7-2-0
Lucky Five Evening: 3-4-15-26-36
Hoosier Lotto jackpot: \$11 million.
Powerball jackpot: \$115 million.

WEATHER

AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Johnson County



Regional weather



State Extremes
Indiana yesterday:
High 64° in Evansville
Low 47° in South Bend

Regional summary

Indianapolis/Greenwood: A passing shower during the morning; breezy and mild today. Partly cloudy tonight. Some sun tomorrow. Monday: Colder.
Edinburgh/Franklin: Clouds breaking for some sun, breezy and mild today with a passing shower. Partly cloudy tonight. Mostly cloudy tomorrow. Monday: Colder.

Today in weather history™

On Jan. 6, 1983, all 50 states had at least one reporting point with above-freezing temperatures, which is very rare for winter.

Regional cities

City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Anderson	56/52/r	48/30/pc	Indianapolis	58/52/r	48/27/pc
Bloomington	64/55/r	49/28/c	Kokomo	56/54/sh	46/30/pc
Chicago	53/47/c	39/24/pc	Lafayette	55/49/sh	46/29/pc
Cincinnati	64/57/r	48/30/c	Louisville	68/59/r	49/33/c
Evansville	64/54/sh	49/30/c	Muncie	56/51/r	47/30/pc
Fort Wayne	54/50/sh	46/28/pc	South Bend	53/46/c	41/29/pc
Gary	55/48/c	39/29/pc	Terre Haute	54/50/sh	45/29/pc

Sun and moon

Sunrise today 8:05 a.m.
Sunset tonight 5:35 p.m.
Moonrise today 8:55 p.m.
Moonset today 10:17 a.m.

Last New First Full
Jan 11 Jan 18 Jan 25 Feb 2

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™

Where did the word chinook originate?
It was the name of an Indian tribe of the Columbia River Basin.

Wind Chill Today

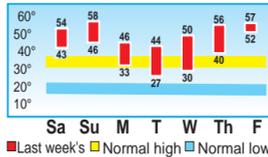
How cold it feels based on temperature and wind speed.
8 a.m. 44° Noon 52° 4 p.m. 52°

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 10
Month to date 106
Normal month to date 188

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	8.84	-0.11
White River (East Fork)			
Edinburgh	12	6.10	none

Almanac

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Statistics for Indianapolis through 5 p.m. yesterday.

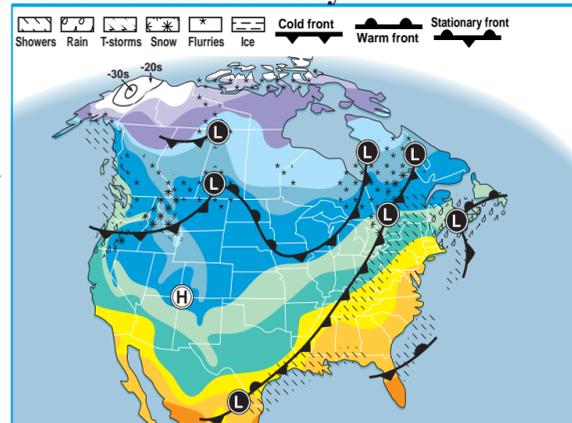
Temperature
High 57°
Low 52°
Normal high 35°
Normal low 19°
Record high 61° in 1955
Record low -25° in 1884

Precipitation
24 hrs. ending 5 p.m. yest. 0.91"
Month to date 0.92"
Normal month to date 0.40"
Year to date 0.92"
Normal year to date 0.40"

Wind
Average dir./speed NW at 7.3 mph
Highest speed 12

Humidity
Yesterday's average 94%
Today's average 77%

National weather today



How cold it feels based on temperature and wind speed.
-10s -0s 0s 10s 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s 80s 90s 100s 110s
Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

National cities

City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	City	Yest. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Albany, NY	59/49/r	48/37/s	Houston	72/53/pc	62/41/r
Atlanta	69/60/sh	66/41/r	Jacksonville	79/66/sh	78/58/c
Atlantic City	61/52/r	56/44/pc	Kansas City	48/40/sh	44/24/pc
Baltimore	64/43/r	54/42/r	Las Vegas	50/43/pc	60/39/s
Boston	63/48/r	50/43/pc	Los Angeles	64/50/s	76/49/s
Buffalo	54/48/r	45/33/pc	Louisville	68/59/r	49/33/c
Burlington, VT	56/48/r	44/35/pc	Memphis	65/56/sh	56/36/r
Champaign	53/47/c	44/24/pc	Miami	83/74/pc	82/69/pc
Charleston, SC	77/62/c	74/55/c	Milwaukee	52/46/c	39/25/sf
Cheney	27/21/sn	36/26/c	Minneapolis	40/34/c	35/18/sf
Chicago	53/47/c	39/24/pc	Nashville	68/62/r	53/35/r
Cleveland	61/50/r	49/34/pc	New Orleans	73/66/pc	70/49/r
Columbia, SC	78/63/sh	68/52/r	New York	65/51/r	54/43/s
Columbus, GA	72/61/t	72/46/r	Philadelphia	59/44/r	53/42/pc
Dallas	62/46/pc	61/33/s	Phoenix	61/46/sh	69/43/s
Denver	32/24/sn	36/23/c	St. Louis	55/47/sh	52/29/pc
Des Moines	45/35/sh	38/23/pc	Salt Lake City	29/15/sn	40/23/c
Detroit	55/45/sh	42/31/pc	San Francisco	53/44/s	59/44/s
El Paso	68/41/s	58/31/pc	Seattle	45/30/r	48/42/r
Fairbanks	-21/-29/pc	-23/-37/c	Tampa	82/71/c	79/65/pc
Honolulu	80/71/c	81/68/pc	Washington, DC	59/52/r	58/44/r

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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Friends recall man's humor • Soldier

Congregation member: 'I can understand why the Lord wanted to take him'

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The Rev. J. Wayne Markward was fond of the pitch-in dinners at Union Christian Church and well-known for his love of sugar-free cherry pies.

"He was always talking about how good the cooks were," said Charlie Canary, a member of the church south of Franklin.

Markward, 71, was killed Friday morning after his vehicle left the roadway, flipped and became submerged in a ditch on East County Road 300S, less than a mile west of the church.

An interim pastor for almost a year, Markward baptized children, gave eulogies and married couples in addition to his Sunday services at the small church.

Markward was the pastor of

"Even the bad jokes would make you laugh."

Ricki Townsend
Friend of the Rev. J. Wayne Markward, who died in a car accident Friday morning

Union Christian for about 12 years in the 1960s and '70s.

When he left the church in the late '70s to move to Rensselaer, the women of the church all baked him a cherry pie to take with him, church members said.

Markward's ministry would take him to various locations across the state before he came back to the Franklin area about two years ago.

Members of Union Christian spent the hours after his death

Friday sharing the memories Markward had given them.

Markward's favorite thing to joke about was his Hawaii funds, Canary said. When encouraging others to join a Bible class, Markward would talk about imposing a fictitious fee of \$300 for each member of the class, with the proceeds going toward the imaginary vacation fund.

Dana Markward, his daughter-in-law, was touched by Markward's determination to see the best in any situation.

A foster child during the Great Depression, Markward would make light of the hard times he lived in. He would joke with family and friends that he had never even heard of meat until he went to college, Dana Markward said.

Markward also enjoyed a good joke and would lighten his sermons with funny stories to make

his congregation smile.

"Even the bad jokes would make you laugh," said Ricki Townsend, a close friend and member of the congregation.

Markward also never passed up an opportunity to help strangers outside the church. If he was at a restaurant where a member of the military was eating, he would pay their bill, Canary said.

Townsend's son, Lee, also a member of the congregation, struggled to put words to the grief he was feeling. Standing inside Markward's garage, he pointed to a large picture frame on the wall. A dozen photos of a smiling Markward at church and with his family filled the frame.

Despite the personal loss, Lee Townsend said, "I can understand why the good Lord wanted to take him home."

Democrats seek to end attempts • Accident

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WASHINGTON
Opponents of oil drilling in an Alaskan wildlife refuge are going on the offense after playing defense for a quarter of a century. They want the new Democratic Congress to make an oft-challenged drilling ban permanent.

Legislation introduced in the House on Friday would make the oil-rich 1.2 million-acre coastal strip of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge a permanently protected wilderness and end repeated efforts to open the area east of the Prudhoe oil field to energy companies.

"The consensus is that there should not be drilling in the refuge, so the logical next step is to pass legislation which turns it into a wilderness," Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., chief sponsor

of the legislation, said in an interview.

Markey has introduced similar legislation in each of the last three congressional sessions. However, the House has approved drilling in the refuge a half dozen times, only to see the effort die in the Senate where supporters couldn't muster the 60 votes to overcome a likely filibuster.

This time, with Democrats in the majority and a number of moderate Republicans on record as opposed to drilling, Markey believe he has a good chance in the House to go one step farther and declare the refuge permanently off-limits to oil development.

A co-sponsor of the bill is Rep. Jim Ramstad, R-Minn.

Cindy Shogan, executive director of the Alaska Wilderness League, also says this time is different.

"What's changed is we won't have those daily assaults" from

pro-drilling forces, she said. "We are definitely on the offense."

Environmentalists said they plan to mobilize the same people that have fought drilling proposals in past years behind the Markey-Ramstad legislation.

Two years ago, when Republicans expanded their majorities in both the House and Senate, the likelihood of opening the refuge to oil development gained new momentum. It already had been a top energy priority of President Bush since 2001.

"Many people had written the obituary for the refuge," said Melinda Pierce, legislative director of the Sierra Club. But a concerted push by pro-drilling forces fell short.

Now Markey believes the momentum is going the other way.

"We now have a majority of House members that have publicly said they oppose any drilling in the refuge," he said.

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"We tried to get to him, but the car was lying down in the water on the driver's side," Shelton said.

Emergency workers were first called to do a water rescue for a person trapped in a partially submerged vehicle.

No divers were needed for the rescue, however, after it was determined too much time had passed and Markward had died, Sheriff Terry McLaughlin said.

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office is investigating why Markward's vehicle left the roadway and if any medical conditions contributed to the accident.

An autopsy was being conducted Friday afternoon to determine his cause of death, Coroner David Lutz said.

A motorist following Markward told investigators that the vehicle was not speeding.

Markward was wearing his seat belt, McLaughlin said.

Although it was raining and foggy, the weather conditions did not cause the accident, he said.

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when he would be coming home. Franklin didn't want him to miss the event.

She learned that an Internet connection is available in every room at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Franklin.

She talked to the doctors and information technology department at the hospital. She planned to bring her own laptop computer and webcam.

The information technology department worked with her to plan a connection for her computer in the delivery room.

The delivery itself didn't go as smoothly. Dominic was in breach position.

On Thursday, she sent a text message to Barlow telling him she would be going to the hospital Friday. Doctors needed to move Dominic into a more appropriate position for a standard delivery.

Instead, they decided they would need to deliver her son by surgery. When Barlow couldn't reach his girlfriend on her cell phone, he started calling the hospital. They got the computer set up just in time.

The webcam connection worked one-way. He could see the doctors, the operation and Jessica. But she couldn't see him.

He was able to talk to her, though.

"It relaxed me, the feeling that he was able to watch it," she said.

His connection was steady except for one moment when the computer went into sleep mode.

"One of the doctors joked that he was going to attach the camera to his (cap) and have 'doctor-cam,'" Franklin said.

Nurses in the department told her this was the first time they had heard of an Internet broadcast at the hospital of a delivery.

When Barlow returns home, the two plan to start raising Dominic together at their Indianapolis home, she said.

Dominic was 7 pounds, 7 ounces and 22 inches long.

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