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## PICKUP KICKS



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### People run to city hall for their custom sneakers

By **KIRK JOHANNESSEN**  
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COLUMBUS City Hall turned into a makeshift shoe store Monday as buyers began arriving to pick up the much-anticipated custom Converse Chuck Taylor All Star sneakers.

Hundreds of people who entered the Cal Brand Meeting Room on the first of six days of pickups found stacks upon stacks of shipping boxes on and under tables.

Each shipping box contained a dozen individual shoe boxes of the special footwear made by Converse to honor Taylor's connection to Columbus.

Orders were organized by sizes and colors on rows of tables that snaked around the room. Stacks reached so high that many of the room's decorations — a tapestry, flags, a Christmas tree and two paintings — were partially obscured.

That was the answer to the question Hoosier Sporting Goods



owner Mike Bodart had: What does 4,000 pair of shoes look like? His Columbus store processed all 4,349 shoe orders. Sandy Etnyre picked up 11 pairs of the shoes — some royal blue and some orange — for herself, her children and grandchildren.

"It's so cool. I think it's a great idea that (Mayor) Kristen (Brown) came up with. Who would have thought they would sell 4,000 pairs? It's just amazing," Etnyre said.

Initial sales forecasts ranged from 200 pairs by Converse to 500

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#### How to get your Chucks\*

To pick up the custom Converse Chuck Taylor All Star sneakers you ordered, come to the Cal Brand Meeting Room at Columbus City Hall, 123 Washington St., during the following times and dates:

- 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Thursday.
- 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday.
- 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

#### If you have any questions:

- Call 812-376-2592. This is a number just for the shoe distribution.
- Send an email to [chucks@columbus.in.gov](mailto:chucks@columbus.in.gov). This is an address just for the shoe distribution.
- Ask one of the volunteers ready to assist you in the Cal Brand Meeting Room at City Hall.

From top: Sandy Etnyre displays both colors of Chuck Taylor that she ordered — 11 pairs in all — Tuesday at City Hall. Jerry Duncan carries boxes of Chuck Taylors for a customer order. **ANDREW LAKER** | THE REPUBLIC

### Area school teachers to divvy up grant funds

Districts receive more than \$400,000 for performance

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Most local teachers will receive a few hundred extra dollars on an upcoming paycheck, but it has nothing to do with holiday bonuses. Highly effective and effective teachers in Bartholomew Consolidated and Flat Rock-Hawcreek schools will receive a share of \$30 million in teacher performance grants awarded by the state.

The first distribution of the grants, which were first recommended in the 2013 budget and tie into a new teacher-evaluation mandate, went to more than 1,300 schools throughout the state.

Bartholomew Consolidated School Corp. earned \$406,000 to distribute among teachers, and Flat Rock-Hawcreek School Corp. got \$40,000.

Individual schools qualified for the grants based on ISTEP+ scores for elementary and middle schools and graduation rates at the high school level. The amount was determined by the number of students in each school.

The only local school to miss out on eligibility was Taylorsville Elementary, but BCS Superintendent John Quick said teachers there would still receive a share of the money.

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#### Money for local teachers

- \$406,000 awarded to Bartholomew Consolidated School Corp.
- \$40,000 awarded to Flat Rock-Hawcreek School Corp.

### City hospital board member steps down after 20 years

By **MARK WEBBER**  
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A retired bank executive with a long history of community service is stepping down after serving 20 years on the Columbus Regional Health board of directors.

Almost 14 years after relinquishing his position as president of Irwin Financial Corp., John Nash will retire from the hospital board next month.

"John always took the time to understand deeply the issues and provide thoughtful guidance on how best to address them," CRH chief executive officer Jim Bickel said. "I will miss his expertise, wisdom and compassionate demeanor."

The successor for the 76-year-old Nash is expected to be named by the Bartholomew County Commissioners near the end of this month. While a number of candidates are being considered, officials are not yet focusing on a single individual, commissioner Larry Kleinhenz said Monday.

"This is a critically important position, and we want to ensure we pick the best person," Kleinhenz said.

Looking back on the past two decades, Nash said hospital administrators are facing more dilemmas and complications than they did when



JOHN NASH

### Daughter's legacy continues with Abby's House Facility provides housing for 16 medical students at a time next to free clinic in Belize

By **MEGAN BANTA**  
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A Columbus woman's legacy continues to touch medical students from around the world nearly a decade after her death.

Fourth-year medical students who spend a month at Hillside Health Care International in southern Belize stay in Abby's House, a dorm that houses up to 16 students and is located next to the free clinic.

The 6,000-square-foot dorm is named after Abigail Brinkman, a Columbus native who died in a 2005 diving accident while serving at the clinic.

Brinkman, 28 at the time, was a fourth-year medical student at Indiana University, studying to become a doctor. Her parents, Jan and Roger Brinkman of Columbus, launched a fundraising campaign in 2007 to build the \$200,000 dormitory.

Her mother is a Realtor for Century 21 Breeden Realtors, and her father is the local leader of Centerstone behavioral health care center. Both said the dorm is one way of keeping their daughter's memory alive.

The building, dedicated in 2008, was funded largely through the efforts of the Columbus Rotary Club, of which Roger Brinkman and dorm architect Nolan Bingham are

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Roger Brinkman, Abigail's father, speaks to Rotary Club members Monday about the status of Abby's House.

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- Lowell Morris Kiel, 79**, Seymour
- Martha Jean McCarn, 90**, North Vernon
- Dorothy Suns Moore, 83**, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina
- Jewell Edward Payne, 81**, Columbus
- Violet Redding, 89**, Columbus
- Karolina Rose Spurgeon, infant**, Edinburgh
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# WEATHER

## ACCUWEATHER® FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR COLUMBUS

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
H: 38° L: 25°	H: 40° L: 25°	H: 45° L: 31°	H: 47° L: 35°	H: 51° L: 37°
Plenty of sunshine	A full day of sunshine	Partly sunny	Partly sunny	Mild with sun and areas of low clouds

### REGIONAL SUMMARY

**Columbus:** Plenty of sunshine today. Partly cloudy tonight.  
**Cincinnati:** Partly sunny today. Partly cloudy tonight.  
**Indianapolis:** Sunshine and patchy clouds today. Partly cloudy tonight. Plenty of sunshine tomorrow.  
**Louisville:** Partly sunny today. Partly cloudy tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow. Friday, partly sunny.

### STATE EXTREMES

**Indiana yesterday:**  
 High ..... 46° in Evansville  
 Low ..... 32° in Indianapolis

### ALMANAC

Statistics for Columbus through 4 p.m. yesterday.

**Temperature**  
 High ..... 41°  
 Low ..... 35°  
 Normal high ..... 43°  
 Normal low ..... 26°  
 Record high ..... 66° in 1946  
 Record low ..... -14° in 1876

**Precipitation**  
 24 hrs. ending 4 p.m. yest. .... 0.00"  
 Month to date ..... 2.47"  
 Normal month to date ..... 1.04"  
 Year to date ..... 45.95"  
 Normal year to date ..... 41.78"

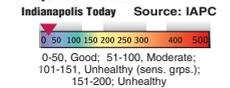
**Wind**  
 Average dir./speed ..... NNW at 9.8 mph  
 Highest speed ..... 18.4 mph

**Humidity**  
 Yesterday's average ..... 91%

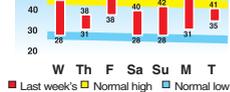
**Barometer**  
 Yesterday's high ..... 30.22 inches

**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 ..... 28  
 Month to date ..... 263  
 Normal month to date ..... 260

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### WEEKLY TEMPERATURES



### WIND CHILL TODAY

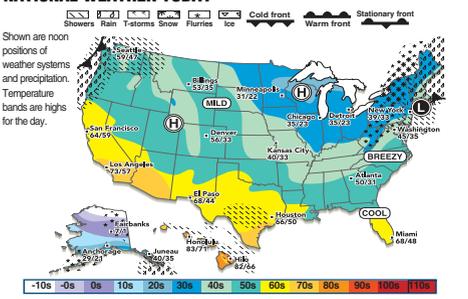
How cold it feels based on temperature and wind speed.

Time	Temp	Wind	Wind Chill
8 a.m.	20°	30°	20°
Noon	30°	34°	34°
4 p.m.	30°	34°	34°

### REGIONAL CITIES

City	Yest.	Thu.
Anderson	39/34/c	37/26/s
Bloomington	40/33/c	38/26/s
Chicago	38/34/c	37/27/s
Cincinnati	43/37/sh	40/27/s
Evansville	46/36/c	42/28/s
Fort Wayne	38/36/c	38/25/s
Gary	39/36/c	38/29/s
Indianapolis	39/32/c	38/26/s
Kokomo	39/34/c	37/26/s
Lafayette	41/32/c	38/25/s
Louisville	44/36/c	43/28/s
Muncie	40/34/c	38/27/s
South Bend	41/37/c	38/27/s
Terre Haute	40/32/c	38/25/s

### NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



### NATIONAL CITIES

City	Yest.	Thu.	City	Yest.	Thu.
Albuquerque	58/37/c	60/36/s	Nashville	46/41/pc	45/27/s
Anchorage	34/32/sf	26/15/c	New Orleans	68/48/s	61/44/pc
Atlanta	55/35/pc	52/33/s	New York City	42/33/r	39/32/sf
Baltimore	45/33/r	41/31/pc	Omaha	35/21/pc	45/34/s
Billings	52/35/pc	55/37/pc	Orlando	65/51/s	63/45/pc
Birmingham	60/38/s	50/33/r	Philadelphia	45/33/r	39/30/sn
Boston	48/25/s	44/33/sh	Phoenix	78/54/pc	76/54/pc
Chicago	58/28/s	58/35/s	Pittsburgh	45/32/pc	36/29/sf
Columbus, OH	42/38/c	38/28/s	Portland, OR	55/48/r	54/41/r
Denver	48/26/c	60/34/s	Rapid City	47/21/s	59/36/s
Des Moines	34/23/c	44/32/s	Richmond	46/34/r	48/30/s
Detroit	40/37/c	37/28/s	St. Louis	38/34/c	44/34/pc
Hilton Head	57/41/pc	55/40/s	Salt Lake City	51/34/pc	62/42/pc
Houston	68/43/pc	65/52/c	San Francisco	65/57/c	61/52/r
Kansas City, MO	32/25/c	47/38/c	Seattle	61/50/r	63/45/r
Las Vegas	66/47/s	68/50/pc	Tampa	63/52/pc	63/47/pc
Little Rock	57/39/pc	51/42/c	Washington, DC	43/35/r	45/35/c
Los Angeles	76/54/s	70/57/c	Weather (w): s-snowy, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow, sn-snow, i-ice.		
Memphis	51/36/pc	49/38/s			
Miami	68/62/pc	69/50/s			
Milwaukee	37/35/c	37/26/s			
Minneapolis	24/15/c	35/27/s			

### RIVER STAGES

Station	Flid	Stage	Chg
White River at Columbus	9	2.84	-0.70
White River (East Fork) at Seymour	12	14.15	-0.73
Flatrock Creek at N. Columbus	11	7.04	-2.12
Sugar Creek at Edinburgh	10	14.15	-0.73

### SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:52 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:21 p.m.
Moonrise today	9:34 p.m.
Moonset today	10:43 a.m.

### WEATHER HISTORY

On Dec. 10, 1982, record warm spread across the East. On the same day, northern Arizona was hit by heavy snow with 9 inches accumulating at Flagstaff.

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### ABBY

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members. The Brinkmans and Bingham gave the local club an update on the clinic and fundraising efforts for a new roof on Abby's House during a Monday luncheon.



ABIGAIL BRINKMAN

Having raised \$50,000 through a recent campaign, they are taking bids now for a new roof on the dorm, Roger Brinkman said.



JAN BRINKMAN

While visiting the clinic and Abby's House this summer, Brinkman was able to see why the current, flat roof needs to be replaced, he said. The roof holds water, and it turns the dorm into a heat box that easily reaches the low 90s during the day and takes several hours to cool off.

Bingham was the Columbus architect who designed the current structure and the dorm originally was going to have an

### How to help

As a nonprofit, Hill Health Care International and its student dormitory, Abby's House, depend almost solely on donations. To donate to the medical operation, visit [hillsidelabel.org/donate](http://hillsidelabel.org/donate) and click on "Donate to Hillside," then hit the orange button on the right.

To donate specifically to the Abby's House fund, select that option and enter the amount you would like to donate. You can make a one-time donation or up to 20 monthly payments at one time.

People also can mail donations to the clinic's statewide mailing address: 6650 W State St., Unit D #111, Milwaukee, WI 53213.

upstairs, but as it became clear that wouldn't be practical, plans changed, he said.

The new pitched roof will shade the dorm's top end side while absorbing some of the heat and allow for an attic area to be installed, which further should reduce the interior temperature, Bingham said.

Construction on the new roof should be completed by the end of next year, he said.

With a new roof, Abby's House will continue to serve as a haven for up to 160 students each year. Since Jan. Hood, the current clinic director at Hillside, speaking to Rotary Club members from Belize via Skype.

That capacity has and will continue to help the clinic double — and sometimes triple —

the amount of work it can do compared to the time period before Abby's House was built, Hood said.

The clinic helps as many as 9,000 patients a year in Belize while providing medical education to the students, she said.

The dorm also has created an opportunity for the students to live communally, Roger Brinkman said.

Before Abby's House, students would live separately based on their chosen field, such as nursing practitioner or physical therapist, and had little interaction outside the clinic, Jan Brinkman said.

But now that they all live together, they have more opportunities to collaborate, learn team-based skills and develop

a greater respect for other interdisciplinary fields, she said.

Hood described the ability to work together and learn team-based care as a key aspect of students' time at the clinic. She said it's largely thanks to Abby's House.

Jan Brinkman said she and her husband are glad to see that impact because it "allows us, in a small way, to continue what Abby wanted to do."

When the family visited Abby in Belize, just one week before the accident that took her life, the 28-year-old already was talking about coming back as a resident, her mother said.

The clinic's mission — learning while serving — fits with Abby's attitude, her parents said, describing her as a social, outgoing person with the heart of a missionary and servant.

"She can't be there, but we can help the other students like her," Roger Brinkman said.

The Brinkmans thanked the community in general and the Columbus Rotary Club for supporting their efforts with the clinic.

People showed a true desire to help, and the rotary in particular "just jumped in and supported us," Roger Brinkman said. "This community has been incredibly supportive in a lot of ways."

## No arrests made yet in arson investigation

By WHITNEY RIGGS For The Republic

**NORTH VERNON** — Investigators continue to interview persons of interest in the investigation into a massive fire intentionally set on the morning of Nov. 21 in downtown North Vernon.

That fire led to the collapse of two buildings.

North Vernon Fire Chief Rick McGill said Tuesday that North Vernon Police Department and the State Fire Marshal's Office have been speaking with "multiple persons" in the case to determine the cause.

As of Tuesday morning, no arrests had been made, and McGill declined to comment further on the investigation.

"We're still following up on information and leads as they come," he said.

The fire broke out in the early morning hours of Nov. 21 and destroyed an entire city block in historic downtown North Vernon. It left two buildings destroyed and several families homeless.

Five surrounding buildings suffered some level of damage, too, McGill added.

Multiple fire departments responded to extinguish the

flames, and six firefighters suffered minor injuries.

The main building affected by the fire was Hatton's Carpet and Flooring Store, located at 24 Fifth St. Owned by Larry Hatton, it had three levels, housing the carpet business and apartments.

It was the second fire reported there in a month's time. McGill said the first fire was determined to be accidental.

McGill said the most recent blaze originated in a basement apartment, which still has quite a bit of structural integrity and will work in favor of the investigation.

"That way you're not just digging through this big pile of rubble; you can pretty well have an intact scene," he said.

The area plan commission director told McGill that none of the buildings have been demolished yet, because insurance providers and engineers continue to assess the damage.

"It's kind of in the insurance providers' hands now," McGill said. "They are still coming in and assessing the losses for their clients."

McGill said he expects some of the damaged buildings to eventually be razed, because it will cost more to repair them than save them.

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Grants were awarded to schools where at least 72.5 percent of students passed the ISTEP+ or schools with at least a 5 percent improvement in scores.

Taylorville's students did not improve enough, and only 65 percent passed both portions of the exam.

"Our school district was an A, and we feel like everyone has contributed toward that," Quick said. "We're pretty proud of all of our folks."

Gov. Mike Pence said the grants are a way to reward the "tireless work" of teachers.

"Indiana teachers and schools work each and every

day to make a difference in the lives of our children," said Pence, a native of Columbus. "This commitment to excellence brightens both the futures of our young people and that of our state."

Under the new evaluation system, mandated by 2011 law, school districts must rate teachers and principals annually and develop objective measures of student achievement, student growth and teaching effectiveness.

Teachers rated as "ineffective" or "needs improvement" are not eligible for raises or performance grants.

While evaluation results for both school districts have not yet been made public, both

superintendents said few teachers ranked in the bottom two categories.

Flat Rock-Hawreck Superintendent Kathy Griffey said the district's collective bargaining agreement says the grants will be distributed evenly between all eligible teachers and the money will be paid no later than Jan. 31, but BCSO officials are still discussing how to fairly distribute the grants.

A team of administrators is working with the Columbus Educators Association to draft a memorandum of understanding to present to the school board at an upcoming meeting, Quick said. Teachers can likely expect the money sometime in January.

All parties are ensuring the memorandum will represent fairness — including distributing funds to Columbus Signature Academy-New Tech High School facilitators — in order to make the most of the grant, Quick said. He said he does not want to see teachers compete with each other for a few hundred dollars.

"I don't think the money is particularly a motivator," he said. "As long as it promotes collaboration and not competition internally, then it is OK. That's one of the reasons we want to work with teachers about how money is distributed."

### Performance payment formula

The State of Indiana awarded more than 1,300 schools with \$30 million to reward thousands of high-performing teachers.

Schools qualified for the grants individually — every local school except for Taylorville Elementary met the requirements — but districts can distribute the money among teachers as officials see fit.

Schools received the following dollar amounts based on performance for the sole purpose of distributing among effective or highly effective teachers:

- ISTEP+/End of Course Assessment passing rates:**
- 72.5 to 90 percent: \$23.50 per pupil
  - 90 to 100 percent: \$47 per pupil
  - Above 5 percent growth: \$47 per pupil
- Graduation rates:**
- 75 to 90 percent: \$88 per pupil
  - 90 to 100 percent: \$176 per pupil
  - Above 5 percent growth: \$176 per pupil

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