

HOW TO HELP

To offer donations of time or money to the Katrina Relief Mission Project, set for Feb. 16 and 17 at Scott Hall on the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Franklin, contact New Whiteland Christian Church at 535-4822.

Help

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He doesn't make a big deal about his commitment to building homes, McCoy said. He feels like helping others is something everyone should do.

Now McCoy is spearheading a Johnson County effort to build interior and exterior panels for six homes in one weekend.

Knowing there is strength in numbers, McCoy, a member of New Whiteland Christian Church, solicited assistance from other local churches.

Congregations from Bluff Creek Christian Church, Rocklane Christian Church, Franklin Memorial Christian Church and Franklin Church of Christ joined forces with McCoy and members of New Whiteland Christian Church, to make the project a reality.

More than 270 members of Bluff Creek Christian Church are donating \$1 a day to raise \$5,000 for building materials to construct the panels for one home, the church's children's director Matt Randall said.

"We are definitely going to be involved on the financial end and on the hands-on end," Randall said.

Personal involvement is one of the reasons their congregation got involved with the project, he said.

Two members of their congregation, one from southern Mississippi and the other from Louisiana, have family members who lost everything in the hurricane.

When McCoy approached the congregation of Franklin Memorial Christian Church, it was the mission opportunity they had been hoping for, missions chairman Keith Armour said.

Their congregation plans two trips south this year to help hurricane victims rebuild, he said. But not everyone in the church can travel or be away from their jobs or families.

Since this mission project takes place in Johnson County, the door is open to everyone in their congregation who wants to lend a hand, Armour said.

Building fellowship between the churches is another gift of participating in the project, he said.

"We've been looking to partner with other churches in the area," Armour said. "It builds relationships between the churches so we can work together on other projects."

Since Thanksgiving, the congregation at Rocklane Christian Church has raised more than half of the money they need to buy building materials for the project, said Susan Westbrook, outreach chairwoman for the church.

Their congregation is very mission oriented, she said. But this is the first project they have been involved in with other local churches.

"It will strengthen our faith and our realization that there really are many people who are reaching out," Westbrook said. "We are not alone in our efforts."

McCoy has no doubt about what can be accomplished by all five churches working together, he said. He recalls a childhood memory, growing up in a farming community in LaGrange County, when a neighbor's barn caught fire. Livestock and horses were saved. But the barn, already filled to the brim with hay for the winter, was a total loss.

"Seven days later, there was a new barn standing there, full of hay," McCoy said. "You call that community. You call that reaching out to help other people."

Program

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Patterson asked high school principal Leighton Turner to create surveys for parents, students and teachers that went beyond basic questions such as "Do you like it?"

"We need some evidence to evaluate it," Patterson said. "Are relationships being developed? Are kids learning things in different ways?"


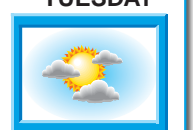



About 1,100 students responded to the survey. Most said the program provided experiences not available in the regular classroom and helps them feel like there is an adult in the school who cares about them.

A majority also said the program did not help them narrow career choices or decide what they wanted to do after high school.

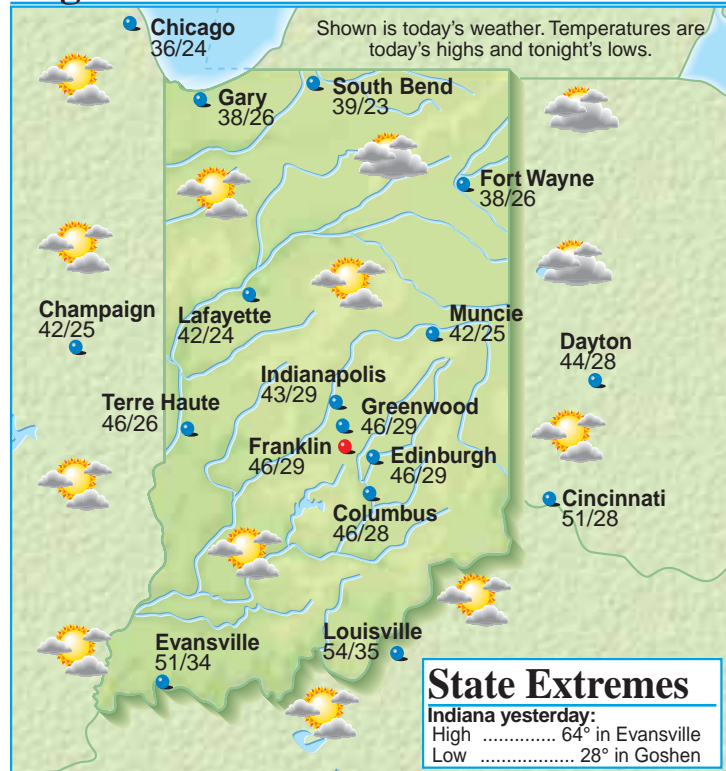
About 50 parents responded to the survey, and nearly half of them said their child was unable to participate in their first choice

WEATHER

AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Johnson County

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
44-48 27-31	40-44 36-40	49-53 32-36	50-54 34-38	40-44 21-25

Regional weather



Regional summary

Indianapolis/Greenwood: Cooler today with intervals of clouds and sunshine. Partly cloudy tonight. A mixture of clouds and sunshine tomorrow.

Edinburgh/Franklin: Cooler today with intervals of clouds and sunshine. Partly cloudy tonight. A mixture of clouds and sunshine tomorrow.

Today in weather history™

A deadly tornado ripped through Reading, Pa., on Jan. 9, 1889, killing dozens and injuring hundreds of people.

Regional cities

City	Yest.		Tues.		City	Yest.		Tues.	
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		
Anderson	55/28/pc	44/38/pc	Indianapolis	59/30/pc	43/38/pc	Kokomo	52/34/pc	44/37/pc	
Bloomington	62/33/pc	42/38/r	Lafayette	55/28/pc	42/36/pc	Louisville	66/37/pc	45/45/r	
Chicago	44/32/pc	42/32/pc	Louisville	66/37/pc	45/45/r	Muncie	54/29/pc	45/40/pc	
Cincinnati	62/29/pc	48/43/r	South Bend	45/30/pc	42/32/pc	Terre Haute	60/30/pc	41/37/pc	
Evansville	64/35/pc	45/39/r							
Fort Wayne	47/29/pc	42/35/pc							
Gary	52/28/pc	41/33/pc							

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Effort

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to raise three grandchildren by herself.

Kate Burzlaff, of Whiteland, and 11 other members of the church's youth group went along on the trip, which was organized by CrossRoads Missions in Louisville, Ky.

Shingling the house, installing siding, painting and driving nails were new tasks for most of the teens, said Burzlaff, 17. "No matter how small your job is, you still make an impact," she said of the experience. "It takes more than one person to put the whole thing together."

Roofing a house was definitely new territory for Rebecca Campbell, of Greenwood, who also participated in the project.

But it was a low-stress experience, with some humor sprinkled on the activities.

"Chuck is a real fun guy to work with," said Campbell, 17. "He's definitely willing to help if you have a question. And he will talk your ear off if you lend it to him."

Most of his time in Campbells-ville was spent constructing interior and exterior pre-fab wall panels for the house, McCoy said.

But he also helped guide teen volunteers and did a lot of last-minute troubleshooting.

For example, when the latch on the bathroom door didn't work,

McCoy, 66, repaired it.

During the drive back to Johnson County, four exhausted teens rode in McCoy's vehicle.

"Things got real quiet," McCoy said. "Then one of them piped up and said, 'Chuck, we've decided you're cool.'"

McCoy thought about what could be accomplished while doing this type of mission work with young people, he said.

He could help teach teens new skills. He could encourage them to grow up to be service oriented adults. And he could continue to help put walls around people who needed homes.

Shortly after returning from the mission trip, McCoy jumped-started his intentions by attending the National Missionary Conference in Peoria, Ill.

More than 1,000 volunteers, many of them teenagers from around the United States, worked together during the conference to build pre-fab panels for several family homes and buildings for university campuses.

"We had volunteers there from 14 states," McCoy said. "They were just people like me who just got hooked on one or more projects, and they showed up to help."

Later that month, McCoy, a father of three and grandfather of seven, helped build two homes in Brownsburg, then traveled to Atlanta to work on more projects.

When the youth group invited McCoy to accompany them on a June mission trip to build eight houses in Piedras Negras,

Sun and moon

Sunrise today 8:04 a.m.
Sunset tonight 5:38 p.m.
Moonrise today 1:38 p.m.
Moonset today 3:53 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.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11+
Low Moderate High Very High Extreme

Weather Trivia™

What is the lowest temperature ever recorded on Earth?

-128.6°F, Vostok, Antarctica, July 21, 1983.

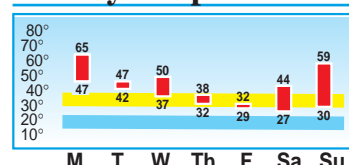
Wind Chill Today

How cold it feels based on temperature and wind speed.
8 a.m. Noon 4 p.m.
33° 38° 42°

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 20
Month to date 188
Normal month to date 302

Weekly temperatures



River stages

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

Station	Fid	Stage	Chg
White River			
Mooreville	9	8.26	-0.15
White River (East Fork)			
Edinburgh	12	5.40	-0.22

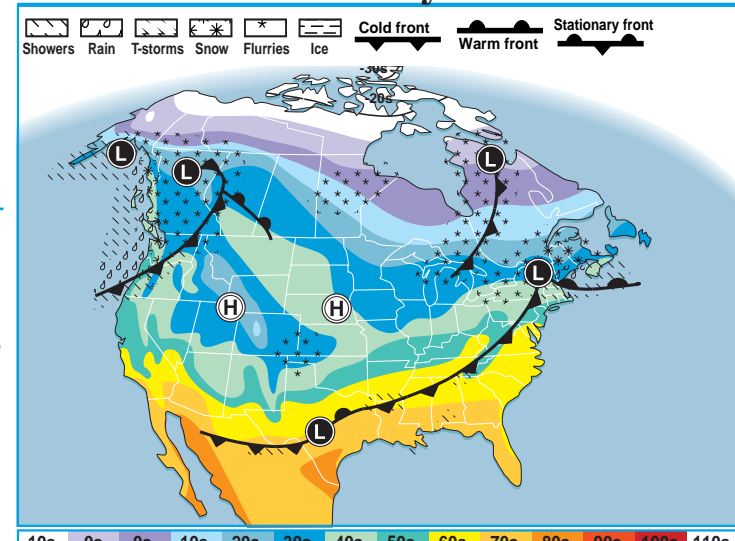
Almanac

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Statistics for Indianapolis through 5 p.m. yesterday.

Temperature	Wind
High 59°	Average dir./speed .. SW at 16.8 mph
Low 30°	Highest speed 24
Normal high 34°	Humidity
Normal low 19°	Yesterday's average 64%
Record high 63° in 1965	Today's average 67%
Record low -13° in 1970	
Precipitation	
24 hrs. ending 5 p.m. yest. 0.00"	
Month to date 0.28"	
Normal month to date 0.64"	
Year to date 0.28"	
Normal year to date 0.64"	

National weather today



National cities

City	Yest.		Tues.		City	Yest.		Tues.	
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		
Albany, NY	39/26/sf	42/21/pc	Houston	79/56/pc	64/42/sh				
Atlanta	64/33/pc	65/50/sh	Jacksonville	65/31/s	71/56/pc				
Atlantic City	49/34/c	49/31/pc	Kansas City	60/38/pc	40/28/pc				
Baltimore	53/35/pc	51/34/pc	Las Vegas	64/41/s	60/38/s				
Boston	36/26/sn	42/32/pc	Los Angeles	70/46/s	74/50/s				
Buffalo	37/28/pc	38/31/pc	Louisville	66/37/pc	45/45/r				
Burlington, VT	33/17/sf	35/25/pc	Memphis	71/45/pc	56/41/r				
Champaign	56/30/pc	41/32/pc	Miami	69/46/s	78/68/pc				
Charleston, SC	64/32/s	70/52/pc	Milwaukee	39/28/c	40/27/pc				
Cheyenne	43/34/c	49/25/s	Minneapolis	37/30/sn	38/19/pc				
Chicago	44/32/pc	42/32/pc	Nashville	72/38/pc	54/46/r				
Cleveland	42/30/pc	41/37/pc	New Orleans	75/49/pc	74/55/r				
Columbia, SC	67/34/s	66/50/pc	New York	46/35/sh	46/36/pc				
Columbus, GA	70/31/s	71/51/pc	Philadelphia	48/33/pc	48/34/pc				
Dallas	82/47/sh	57/34/pc	Phoenix	72/46/s	74/42/s				
Denver	53/36/sh	53/21/s	St. Louis	73/37/pc	41/32/c				
Des Moines	40/32/c	43/25/pc	Salt Lake City	43/28/c	42/25/sh				
Detroit	41/30/pc	40/34/pc	San Francisco	56/45/pc	56/51/c				
El Paso	73/51/s	58/32/s	Seattle	49/39/sh	46/40/r				
Fairbanks	-1/-11/pc	-6/-17/pc	Tampa	66/39/s	78/60/pc				
Honolulu	80/68/s	81/69/s	Washington, DC	49/30/c	50/36/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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Christian Church and Franklin Church of Christ — signed on with New Whiteland Christian Church to financially help construct new lives for victims of Katrina.

"Each of our churches committed to build one house," McCoy said. "Our goal is to raise \$5,000 within each congregation."

To help make these homes happen, McCoy is depending on 400 community volunteers to offer elbow grease in three shifts next month at Scott Hall on the county fairgrounds in Franklin.

Four-hour shifts of nail pounding mission work will result in enough pre-fab panels to build six houses for homeless families on the Gulf Coast.

Once the panels reach their destination, it is possible for work crews to raise the walls and shingle the roof of a home in one 8-hour day, McCoy said.

Tools are provided by CrossRoads Missions during the weekend of building panels en masse.

Many people are interested in participating in mission work, but they are unable to take time off from their jobs or it is impossible to juggle home responsibilities, McCoy said.

The panel building project is planned for a weekend. Families are encouraged to work together. Travel isn't necessary. And volunteer hands from the community will be greatly appreciated, McCoy said.

"How painless can a mission project be?" he asked.

employees is rare, Greenwood Police Chief Joe Pitcher said.

Managers at Silverado and Wet Seal, the two Greenwood Park Mall stores where employees were struck, declined to comment about what happened.

LOTTERIES

Here are the winning numbers selected over the weekend:

Indiana
Sunday
Daily Three: 6-0-3.
Daily Four: 1-0-2-8.
Lucky Five: 5-8-23-24-33.
Saturday
Hoosier Lotto: 12-15-18-19-34-36.
Jackpot: \$24.5 million. (No winner. New jackpot: \$25 million.)
Daily Three Middy: 1-2-3.
Daily Three Evening: 4-1-0.
Daily Four Middy: 6-0-4-0.
Daily Four Evening: 3-9-4-1.
Lucky Five Middy: 16-27-30-31-35.
Lucky Five Evening: 1-4-8-15-26.

Powerball
2-16-21-32-43. Powerball: 6. Power Play: 4. Jackpot: \$56.4 million. (No winner. New jackpot: \$65 million.)

CLASS SAMPLING

Offerings this year include:

- Cultural literacy in the Bible
- Jewelry through history
- Back when you were born: Everything 80s
- Caribbean cruise

Class

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In the make-a-bear class students are learning to read patterns, do math and communicate with each other.

Several students are hunched over sewing machines while other students help them pin material or rethread their machine.

"Look, that is so cool," Ashlee McTarsney said as she held up what will be the face of her bear.

McTarsney, 17, sewed on her bear's second ear and started to pin the back of the head on.

She had never sewn before but wanted to take the class so she could donate one of her bears to the Ronald McDonald House for children in Indianapolis.

"There's not always stuff I want to do at this school," McTarsney said. "But when I saw this, I was like, 'That's the class I want.'"

McTarsney plans to take some money out of her next paycheck to make sure the bear she donates has a cute outfit on.

McTarsney and her 41 classmates are spending four days sewing heirloom bears. They read the pattern, cut and pin fabric and then sew. Many are operating a sewing machine for the first time.

Tuesday the class will travel to the Build-a-Bear store in Greenwood Park Mall. The store will open early so the class can make bears that they will then take to Riley to donate.

The class costs students \$30 and is one of the 20 new intensive classes being offered this year.

More than 100 students originally signed up to be in the class, but some had to be directed to their second choices.

Principal Leighton Turner is not surprised that so many students were interested. In fact, a class that involves some kind of service is always popular, he said. "These teenagers will give their time and money for other people," he said.

For instance, more than 75 students signed up to build a Habitat for Humanity house in Louisiana for Hurricane Katrina victims.

The trip fell through, but most of the students who originally signed up are spending the week helping agencies stock and ship supplies to hurricane victims.

Punchy

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difficult customers but said they seem to increase during the holiday season.

People are more rushed during the holiday season, which can sometimes lead to less patience and angry encounters, Phil Stapp, customer services manager at Best Buy, said.

Nothing got out of hand at the Greenwood store this holiday season, but he has seen some heated discussions at other stores where he has worked, Stapp said.

Customers who get out of hand are often under the influence of alcohol or drugs but many will leave the store rather than threatening employees or becoming violent, said Vicky Ramirez, manager at Meijer.

The stress of the holiday season can cause more customers to become violent or aggressive. But considering the amount of sales that happen in Greenwood, violence between customers and

of classes because of the cost.

Turner said he addressed the concern about cost by requiring each teacher to submit a proposal for an intensive. The change resulted in several new, free classes, he said.

Teachers must also submit detailed daily plans for their classes and tie the class to at least two state standards involving reading, writing or math.

Some critics have said the week is a free week for students and teachers.

"This is the most grueling week of the entire