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## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

### Franklin grad preparing for mission work in Brazil

Later this month, 19-year-old Jacob Baldrige, who graduated from Franklin Community High School in 2014, is leaving for a two-year missionary trip in Manaus, Brazil, with the Mormon Church. Here, he talks about how the trip came to be:



BALDRIDGE

#### How were you selected for this?

Officials at the headquarters of the Mormon Church in Provo, Utah, reviewed Baldrige's application, then replied with his assignment to Manaus.

#### What kind of work will you be doing?

Most of the work will include teaching people about Mormonism and its beliefs. But other days will be spent helping with yard work or at a food pantry.

#### Why are you doing this?

"I always feel a lot of what I have, and the joy I have in my life, comes from my church."

#### How are you preparing?

He has been buying clothes in preparation for the two-year trip and memorizing Scripture for the lessons that will be taught.

#### What will be the most challenging?

Learning to speak Portuguese. The first stop will be to a training center, possibly in Provo, to begin learning the language before continuing to Brazil.

## DEATHS

### Franklin

Richard R. "Dick" Dennis, 80  
Charles Woodson Francis, 82

Marion Shaw Pickett, 91

### Greenwood

Madelyn Eleanor Eiler, 89

### Indianapolis

Jerry A. Barnett, 72

Dorothy Marie Matkins, 46

Helen Sue Vermillion, 73

### Whiteland

Sally Ann Marshall, 82

### Elsewhere

Ruth Webb Kincaid, 92

Matthew Edward Marsee, 28

James E. "Monkey" Moenkhaus, 78

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### WEEKEND



# Guilty plea expected in fatal blast

## 1 of 3 Richmond Hill explosion suspects reaches agreement with prosecutor



SHIRLEY

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One of the three people charged with multiple felonies after a deadly south-side home explosion in 2012 is expected to plead guilty next week.

Monserrate Shirley, who owned the Richmond Hill home that blew up, has reached a plea agreement with the

Marion County Prosecutor's Office, spokeswoman Peg McLeish said. Shirley will be in a Marion County court Tuesday for a change of plea hearing.

Shirley had pleaded not guilty to multiple felony counts, including arson and murder. Her home exploded after natural gas filled the inside and was ignited, killing Jennifer Longworth, a Greenwood teacher, and her husband, Dion, who lived next door, and damaging

dozens of other homes in the neighborhood near Stop 11 and Sherman roads.

McLeish said the prosecutor's office would not release any more details or documents before the hearing next week. Shirley's attorney James Voyles was not available Friday.

Investigators have said Shirley, her then-boyfriend Mark Leonard and his brother Bob Leonard plotted to blow up the home to collect insurance money.

They said Shirley and Mark Leonard were deep in debt on the house Shirley owned. Court records previously showed that Shirley's original mortgage on the house was \$161,000, and she had a second mortgage for \$65,000 and \$63,000 in credit card debt. She had filed for bankruptcy but stopped making payments on the debt.

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# THE EYES HAVE IT

## Rules on use up to individual departments

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If you're stopped for speeding in Greenwood, the officer writing you a ticket will be recording you with a small camera attached to the uniform.

The officer doesn't need to tell you that you're being recorded, and that video will be kept on file for up to a year. But the choice of whether you can view the video or get a copy will be up to the chief and depends on the case and people involved.

Police officers across the state increasingly use body cameras to record investigations, crimes and interactions with people, but for now the rules for how to use them are up to individual departments.

So state lawmakers want to set up some basic rules for all law enforcement agencies in Indiana to follow to create some consistency.

Since body cameras are a new technology, state law doesn't have any specific rules on how police should use them, such as what officers should record, who has access to videos and how long files need to be kept before they're deleted.

That means police departments must set those rules themselves, trying to decide what's appropriate or crafting policies similar to other types of video such as from in-car cameras.

State Rep. John Price, R-Greenwood, has filed a bill asking state lawmakers to set up a summer

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**Pictured:** Greenwood police officer Eric McElhane wears a video camera Wednesday at the Greenwood Police Department. Soon, all Greenwood police officers will wear the devices. SCOTT ROBERSON | DAILY JOURNAL

### ON CAMERA

The Greenwood Police Department has a detailed written policy about how officers are supposed to use body cameras. Here's a look at the rules officers will follow:

#### When you're being recorded

Officers aren't required to tell you you're being recorded but should inform a person whenever possible. Officers will record all contact in the following situations:

- Traffic stops
  - Person stops
  - Detentions, investigations, arrests, suspect interviews and interrogations
  - People, building or vehicle searches
  - K-9 officer searches
  - Emergency driving when using lights or sirens
  - Pursuits
  - Any contact that becomes adversarial
- More of Greenwood's policy, including who has access to video that's been recorded and how long videos are kept, can be found on Page A8.



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Center Grove fourth-grader Samuel Wang fights back tears as he addresses members of the school board Thursday at the elementary school.

# Parents criticize plan for students

## Residents say they want more input on school redistricting

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Residents living on the south side of the Center Grove area have concerns about a proposed plan to move 370 of their kids to different schools.

Parents are worried about what those moves would mean for their children, some of whom would have to leave their friends and favorite teachers. These families moved into neighborhoods such as Copperleaf and Woodfield because they wanted their children to attend specific elementary schools such as Maple Grove or Center Grove.

But they're also concerned about how school officials created the plan and notified parents. At a community meeting about the proposed redistricting conducted Thursday night, multiple Center Grove residents asked Superintendent Richard Arkanoff and school officials why they learned of the plans through an email and why more effort wasn't made to include the community when creating the proposed plan.

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# Relief at least year away for drivers on rough State Road 252

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The difficulty of dodging potholes while driving at fast speeds has made State Road 252 a route that drivers try to avoid.

Unfortunately for Mitch Beasley of Greenwood, the highway is the main route to his mother's home in Prince's Lakes. Every time he drives on that road, he pays attention to other drivers and where they swerve, since he could be coming up on an unexpected pothole or crack.

### INSIDE, A2: Cost-saving technique not always most effective solution

"I try to stay off 252 unless I'm going to my mom's. That's the only time," Beasley said. "I've never had a wreck there, but I find myself dodging potholes."

Beasley and the rest of Johnson County will have to wait another year before those potholes go away. The cracks and potholes are what is left after the state took off the top surface of the highway after a process meant to preserve the road didn't work.

Chip-and-seal, or when liquid asphalt is sprayed into cracks on the road and filled with rocks or gravel, is a common process used by the state to preserve a road from getting worse. It is a temporary solution that puts off the need for repaving the entire road, which is costly. State Road 252, a major route in southern Johnson County, was chip-and-sealed in 2013, but the sealing technique was not successful.

So last year, workers took off the top layer of the road.

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The chip-and-seal project on State Road 252 has failed to extend the life of the pavement.