Envy Nutrition officially opens its doors

By Sean Douglas

Envy Nutrition, Marion's newest shake shop and wellness center, underwent its official christening on Wednesday morning with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Originally opening its first branch in Wabash in October of last year, Envy Nutrition provides a fun and inviting atmosphere alongside a plethora of meal-replacement options, giving their clients the tools and resources they need to live a healthy and happy lifestyle.

Angie Staggs originally

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worked at the Wabash location and instantly fell in love with both the business and their products. After a year of discussion and planning, Staggs officially opened Envy Nutrition's Marion location on August 14, and in its first month of operation, it's been a major hit in town.

"Marion is a great community," Staggs said. "We just finally decided to take the leap. It is scary with COVID and being in the middle of a pandemic...and I don't think it could have gone better. The community has been amazing and sup-

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portive. We stay busy every day, and we are so thankful. It's been amazing."

After seeing the results of Envy Nutrition products in her own personal life, Staggs wanted to give the community a place where people could enjoy great tasting and healthy shakes and tea at a fair price and a place where they could achieve their healthy eating goals.

"Marion is a large community, and it is missing those healthy options," Staggs said. "I think there are outlets for fitness around here. We have trainers, we have gyms, but we don't have anywhere where you could get some fast food that is healthy and affordable."

All shakes include 21 different vitamins and minerals, are 250 calories or less, and have 24 grams of plantbased protein. Along with their protein meal replacement shakes and energy teas, both of which come in multiple flavors, Envy Nutrition also sells a plethora of add-ins, including probiotics, collagen, and other nutrients. With the purchase



Angie Staggs cutting the ribbon, together with members of the Marion-Grant County Chamber of Commerce, Envy Nutrition is located right off the bypass. Photos by Sean Douglas.

of a shake, each customer gets a complimentary tea and a free shot of aloe vera, which helps with digestion.

"This is not just a shake shop," Staggs said. "This is a wellness place. We have an inviting atmosphere, and we hope [it's a place] that people are drawn too and leave happy."

Tea bombs are also a popular attraction at Envy Nutrition. They all include a sort of lift-off tablet that adds other essential nutrients like B12, B2, Vitamin

C, and caffeine.

Going forward, Staggs plans to work in conjunction with different centers, fitness instructors, and college students in order to better market their product while extending their roots deeper into the community.

It's always a difficult venture to open a new business, and even more during a global pandemic. However, the community support has blown Staggs away, and she and her team are looking

forward to serving Marion and Grant County in the years to come.

"I feel amazing, blessed, and thankful," Staggs said. "I thank God every day, because without Him, none of this would have happened. We are just so grateful."

Envy Nutrition is located just off the bypass at 3409 South Western Avenue, Suite 101. It is open Monday-Friday from 7 am to 4 pm and Saturday from 8 am to 3 pm.

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Mayor Jess Alumbaugh expressed gratitude that neighborhood associations are continuing the tradition this year.

"During these unprecedented times, I am not only pleased, but proud that our

neighborhood leaders are continuing to celebrate 'National Night Out," Alumbaugh said. "I am a firm believer that the strength of any city comes from the pride and passion reflected within its community."

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