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DEATHS

Feb. 11-18
Leland Burdett “Peanut” Buroker
1930-2021
The family held a private funeral at Swayzee Christian Church, Swayzee, on Friday, Feb. 12 at 3 p.m. Burial followed at Thrailkill Cemetery.

Dorthia N. Hughes
1941-2021
At Hughes request, there will be no public visitation or funeral service.

Ruth I. Heiny
1932-2021
Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 1 p.m. Burial followed at Gardens of Memory.

Christine Watson
1940-2021
Funeral services were held at Armes-Hunt Funeral Home, Fairmount, on Friday, Feb. 12 at 2 p.m. Burial followed at Park Cemetery.

Dane C. Lawing Jr.
1957-2021
Funeral services were held at Armes-Hunt Funeral Home, Fairmount, on Monday, Feb. 15 at 10 a.m. Burial followed at Park Cemetery.

Burton James Hollabaugh
1944-2021
Private graveside services and burial with military honors will be held at Marion National Cemetery.

Howard “Gino” Columbus
1955-2021
Funeral services were held at Raven-Choate Funeral Home on Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 1 p.m.

INDIANA QUIZ

Match the names to the clues.

1. Charlie Wiggins 2. J. J. Johnson 3. Madam C. J Walker 4. Richard Hatcher 5. Major Taylor

- A. Jazz trombonist B. Mayor of Gary C. Race Driver D. Bicycle Racer E. Cosmetics Maker

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Marion holds inaugural Chocolate Walk

By Sean Douglas
Downtown Marion was full of Valentine’s Day spirit, as 12 businesses took part in the first ever Chocolate Walk over the weekend. Sponsored by BDP Real Estate and Morell’s Scooters, the Chocolate Walk raised money for a great cause, heightened awareness of Marion’s revamped city center, and provided a wholesome event for people of all ages to enjoy. “We want people to have fun,” True Envy Boutique owner Dawn Conwell said. “Everybody has been so isolated this year. Our numbers are going down, people are getting vaccines, and we want to provide something for the community to be able to do. I think a lot of people are ready to get out and participate.” The 12 businesses that took part in the inaugural event included True Envy Boutique, Design Studio 407, Echo Art Gallery, Sender Café, Jerry’s Leather Shop, Country Café & Bakery, Jigsaw Junction, Players Gear, Obi’s BBQ, Marion Cycle Works, Rachel Wall Hair, and Los Amores Restaurant.



In photo above, True Envy Boutique owner Dawn Conwell shows her chocolate treats during the first Chocolate Walk over the weekend in downtown Marion. In the right photo, Jigsaw Junction owner Ashley Hurd went with an old, but timeless classic – homemade chocolate chip cookies. **Photos by Sean Douglas**

Along with selling tickets for the event, each business provided a different type of individually wrapped chocolate treats, as well, as well as other special discounts that are unique to that particular business. For example, Los Amores, along with chocolate, offered free queso, while Country Café and Bakery provided chocolate waffles or pancakes with raspberry

sauce and whipped cream. Design Studio 407 provided a plethora of delicious treats, including chocolate truffles with strawberry milk crumb, vegan brownies, and caramel bars with chocolate on top. Obi’s Barbeque offered cake pops, while Jigsaw Junction and Players Gear offered chocolate chip cookies. Additionally, True Envy Boutique and Designer Stu-



dio 407 offered treats with every \$30 purchase, Echo Art Gallery offered a variety of in-store discounts, and Jigsaw Junction offered 20 percent off every purchase. “We just wanted to provide positive things for downtown Marion,” Conwell said. “There are a lot of people in the community who aren’t even aware that we are down here, so we wanted to bring more aware-

ness to all the downtown shops and the businesses.” In its first year, the Chocolate Walk raised \$1,200, and all proceeds went to St. Martin’s Community Center. For over 50 years, St. Martin’s has served the Grant County community faithfully, providing daily meals and a food pantry to “help the poor build necessary

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IWU anticipates launch of engineering program

Indiana Wesleyan University is exploring the possibility of adding an Engineering program that will offer four concentration areas in Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering. Pending full accreditation approval from the Higher Learning Commission, the program will likely launch in Fall 2022. “Establishment of an engineering degree with various concentrations provides IWU students with another academic option in a growing, in-demand field,” said Dr. Aly Williams, vice president of academic affairs. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment in architecture and engineering occupations is projected to grow 3% from



2019 to 2029. The median annual wage for architecture and engineering was \$81,440 in 2019. The proposed program will also partner with IWU’s Division of Art + Design on some unique partnerships and collaborations, which will allow sharing of resources and mutual strengthening of these majors. “The program strives to be distinctive and unique in its approach, collaborative with other programs on campus, and steadfast in its

desire to graduate Christian engineers prepared to make an impact on the world for Christ,” said Williams. IWU also announced the recent hire of Engineering Program Director Dr. David Che, who is helping to design and develop the program. Che has M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Mechanical Engineering from The Ohio State University and The University of Michigan, respectively. He also brings extensive experience as a professor and

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leader in engineering academic programs around the Midwest. Che brings a fresh perspective on building unique programs that incorporate elements of design thinking into engineering education. “We are beyond excited to have Dr. David Che join IWU,” said Dr. John Lakanen, acting dean, School of Physical and Applied Sciences. “He is a committed Christian educator with a heart for transforming students’ lives for God’s Kingdom. We can already

see how God has provided a great leader.” With the pending launch of IWU’s Engineering program, the University’s existing Pre-Engineering program is thrilled to be offering two new courses—Introduction to Engineering and Computer Aided Design—for the 2021-2022 academic year. For more information on IWU’s proposed Engineering program or the Pre-Engineering program, contact Chad Peters at 765-677-2362.