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DEATHS

February 18-25

Eva P. Dodson
1954-2021

Funeral services were held at Grant Memorial Park, Marion, on Saturday, Feb. 13 at 2 p.m. Burial followed at Grant Memorial Park.

Doris D. Galloway
1934-2021

Funeral services were held at Lighthouse Assembly of God, Marion, on Saturday, Feb. 20 at 2 p.m. Burial followed at Grant Memorial Park.

Joann West
1937-2021

Funeral services were held at Riverside Cemetery on Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 2 p.m.

Wilbur Glen Williams
1929-2021

Due to current Covid-19 restrictions, the memorial service will be delayed until spring of this year. The location will be College Wesleyan Church, Marion, and the date and time will be posted at a future date.

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INDIANA QUIZ

The Father of our Country

In front of which building in Indianapolis will you see the above statue of George Washington?

a/ Federal Building b/ Post Office c/ State-house

The city of Washington, Indiana, is in which county?

a/ Daviess b/ Adams c/ Madison

What city serves as the seat of Washington County?

a/ Peru b/ Salem c/ Princeton

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Wilbur Williams leaves lasting legacy at IWU

By Sean Douglas

Dr. Wilbur Williams, one of the most beloved and well-known professors in the illustrious history of Indiana Wesleyan University, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family in his home early Tuesday morning.

For over 50 years, Dr. Wilbur Williams captivated the hearts and minds of the Indiana Wesleyan University community, students and faculty alike. Over the course of his career at Indiana Wesleyan, which began in 1967, Williams taught over 17,250 students and was elected Professor of the Year a total of eight times.

“When I had a Wilbur Williams class, it set me on fire,” Dean of the School of Theology and Ministry Dr. David Vardaman said. “My father was a pastor, but like any teenager, I thought my dad’s sermons were boring. But Wilbur Williams made the Bible come alive, it was powerful. He made a tremendous impression on me, and I am just one of thousands and thousands of



Dr. Wilbur Williams

students that he did the same thing to.”

Williams was a tremendous educator, one who taught about the Bible, particularly the Old Testament, in a unique way.

In his classes, Williams was known to dress up as

Biblical characters, including King David and the prophet Elijah, to name a few, in order to illustrate his lectures and capture his students’ imaginations, and their hearts, for God.

“You couldn’t meet Dr. Williams and not know he

was a passionate person,” said Dr. Elaine Bernius, a professor in IWU’s Theology and Ministry Department. “He had a deep, deep love for God’s word, and he had a deep, deep love for students and Indiana Wesleyan. He loved students, and his deep desire for students was that they also learned to love God’s Word and be able to live in that and experience it for the rest of their lives.”

Throughout his personal and professional career, God was at the center of it. He cared not only about his students’ physical lives, but their spiritual ones as well. His love for God, and his students, was evident at all times, not just in the classroom.

“What drove him was to help the next student truly understand Scripture and know Jesus personally,” Assistant Professor Charles Alcock said. “He wanted the next student to know the heart of Jesus and understand Scripture. He wanted people find what he found.”

While he was beloved by his students, he was likewise

beloved by his fellow faculty members. His genuineness and his empathy for others inspired all those who came in contact with him.

“Wilbur’s commitment to his students, both inside and outside the classroom, was a true inspiration and a model for faculty,” Bernius said. “He didn’t just invest in the classroom...he wanted to engage with students outside of class. He wanted to hear about their lives. He wanted to mentor them and give them life advice. The way that he invested in the institution, I think, is also very inspiring and serves as a call for faculty to really invest in this place.”

Along with his passion in the classroom, Wilbur was also known for his 40-year involvement in archeological excavations in Israel and North Africa. Over the course of his 50-year career at Indiana Wesleyan, he led 156 tours to Israel, and was honored by the Ministry of Tourism for his many trips to the Holy Land.

Those who went with him on these trips, like Alcock,

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Man arrested in stabbing death

On Feb. 18 at approximately 10:19 p.m., Marion Police responded to 1812 W. Knight Circle for a male with a gunshot wound to the abdomen. Prior to officers arriving, dispatch advised that the male subject was not shot, but had been stabbed.

Officers arrived and found Dorell Brown, 19, who lived at the residence, suffering from a stab wound to his abdomen area. Paramedics arrived on the scene and Brown was transported to Marion General Hospital with resuscitation efforts in progress. A short time later, Brown succumbed to his injuries. Coroner Stephen Dorsey noted the time of death at 10:36 p.m.

Witnesses stated that the suspect was wearing a black and white coat and fled the scene towards Circle K on Kem Road. Officers went to the area and found a person matching the description walking in front of the movie theater on Theater Drive. The male was identified as being Nathaniel Bibbs, 19, of Marion.

Bibbs was found walking near the AMC Theater wearing no shoes and had blood on his clothing and hands. Marion Police searched the path believed to have been the direction that Bibbs walked and located a steak knife. Bibbs was transported to the Marion Police Department where he admitted to stabbing Brown during an altercation.

Bibbs is being held at the Grant County Jail on a charge of murder.



Wright wins Distinguished Leadership Award from Lions Club International

By Sean Douglas

For nearly 50 years, Cindy Wright, along with her husband, Rick, have selflessly and faithfully served the Upland Lions Club and the Upland community, proving instrumental in the club’s health and success.

Earlier this month, in the 3rd Cabinet Meeting for the Lions of District 25D in Tipton, Cindy Wright was honored with the Distinguished Leadership Award. This award is given each year to one person in each state who shows exceptional leadership, as evidenced by membership growth, increasing service project quality and quantity, measurable impacts and results within the community, and improvement to overall club quality and member experience.

“When they started read-



Rick and Cindy Wright have proudly served the Upland Lions Club for nearly 50 years. Photo by Sean Douglas

ing the presentation speech, I was looking around the room for a Lion that I thought deserved this prestigious award,” Wright said. “Then, when [they] said, ‘she,’ I started smiling at the Lady Lion I thought was going to be receiving it. Then, as he read more into the speech...I knew it was me. It almost felt like I was having an out-of-body ex-

perience.

“It’s such a great feeling to know that all of my hard work was paying off.”

Born and raised in Gas City, Wright moved to the Upland area in 1965, where she and Rick have remained ever since. Rick became involved with the Lions Club in 1976, while Cindy joined soon after. Originally, Rick

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