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▶ TODAY'S VERSE

Jeremiah 33:3 Call unto me,
and I will answer thee, and
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things, which thou knowest
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▶ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

People who call our community their own.

What makes Brynna "Brynn" Faye Eaton smile? "Spending time with friends and family," said the Noblesville High School 2020 graduate, a Horseshoe Prairie Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution 2020 Citizen of the Year finalist representing her school. Today's feature is a look back at one of *The Times'* previous Faces of Hamilton County. The 19-year-old is the daughter of Christian and Deborah Eaton. What is she most proud of in her life? "My involvement in Key Club (with 50+ hours of annual volunteering) has really made a big impact on me. I had the opportunity to be president and was also on the leadership team. I just met a lot of really cool people through that and took on a lot of responsibility with organizing events ... It's just been really cool." She ran cross country and was team captain her senior season, ran track, was on the leadership team of CRU, formerly known as Campus Crusade for Christ, and was secretary of NHS National Honor Society. She was a peer CELL leader, a member of Interact Club through which she attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards conference, and was on the school's mental health community outreach board. Her senior year, she joined with two classmates in an engineering project to improve the walking canes of a student with a physical disability. Eaton's plans are to study engineering with a biomedical concentration at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, and wants to become a biomedical engineer. She completed 10 years of 4-H and enjoys water sports, running, bicycling, and swimming. Why it's important to her to be a good citizen. "...We're the future of the country. We're going to be the next leaders ... I think it's really important to preserve the foundations of the country." Her inspiration? "My parents," said Eaton. "They're really patriotic and have a lot of respect for our country. They raised that in me, too. We need to preserve our nation and what it was founded on."

And Another Thing...

Noblesville Police Merit Commission
The Noblesville Police Merit
Commission meeting scheduled for
Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 5:00
p.m. has been cancelled.

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WEEK in REVIEW

With the first full month of the year behind us, it has certainly been a lively start to 2022! Lots of things are happening all over the city and the county, so it can be easy to fall out of the loop. We at the Times pride ourselves on keeping you, our readers, informed, so here is a rundown of the five biggest stories from the past week.

Hamilton County lays right in the tracks of a major incoming winter storm.

AccuWeather meteorologists are tracking the makings of a far-reaching, disruptive winter storm which is forecast to spread a plowable snow and significant icing from the central and southern Rockies to parts of the Northeast this week. Denver, Dallas and Detroit are among the major metro areas expected to face wintry consequences and potential travel trouble, forecasters say.

"Depending on the exact track of the storm, an extended



Photo Courtesy of the Noblesville Police Department

Noblesville Police Chief John Mann (left) swears in new Deputy Chief Lt. Jason Thompson.

zone of icing may develop from central Texas extending through the Ohio Valley. Areas like Dallas, Little Rock, and Indianapolis could be under a significant ice threat around the middle of this week," AccuWeather Meteorologist Joe Bauer said.

Noblesville Police Chief John Mann is proud to announce that Lt. Jason Thompson has been appointed to the rank of Deputy Chief of the Support Division.

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Playhouse donor has a passion for theater



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Katrina Basile (left) watches her husband, Frank Basile, speak to the Playhouse board

When I learned last week that a local playhouse would rename its home in honor of a "sizable donation," I wanted to know more about the philanthropic donors whose unexpected gift has suddenly brought good fortune to this 30-year-old community theater.



BETSY REASON
The Times Editor

Frank and Katrina Basile's donation of \$100,000 was given to Main Street Productions Inc., which, in turn, renamed its Westfield Playhouse to Basile Westfield Playhouse. (The Times published the press release last week.)

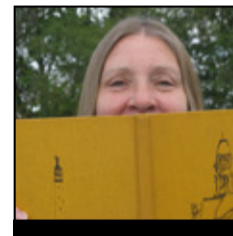
The Basiles' donation came free and clear with no stipulations on how the money is to be spent. And there are no perks in the contracts, such as free tickets.

And while the Basiles, who live on Indianapolis' northside,

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A Witness to History

Reverend Barney Stone, the longtime pastor of the First Baptist Church, may have been



PAULA DUNN
From Time to Thyme

the best known former slave to call Noblesville home, but he certainly wasn't the only one.

In 1900 another Noblesville resident who'd been a slave, Lucy Washington, achieved a small measure of fame when various Indiana newspapers noted she was possibly the oldest person in the state.

Having been born into slavery, her exact age was unknown, but she was believed to have been 110 at that time.

Maybe. When I researched her, I encountered an unusual amount of conflicting, and sometimes obviously false, information — and not all of it was connected to her life as a slave.

For example, when she passed away in 1901, many newspapers

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The Daily Almanac



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- Wacky Holiday Today**
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 - National Dark Chocolate Day



What Happened On This Day

- 2003 Space Shuttle Columbia disintegrates on its way back to Earth
- 1960 Four black students start the Greensboro sit-ins
- 1884 The first fascicle of the "Oxford English Dictionary" is published



Births On This Day

- 1931 Boris Yeltsin Russian politician, 1st President of Russia
- 1894 John Ford American director

Deaths On This Day

- 1976 Werner Heisenberg German physicist, Nobel Prize laureate
- 1851 Mary Shelley English author

▶ HONEST HOOSIER

A groundhog? Really? Oh well, can't be any worse than the other forecasters.



▶ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Don't watch TV before going to sleep - the bright light and activity may keep your brain awake. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in *The Times* and online at www.thetimes24-7.com.



The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **SUSAN CRANDALL** of Noblesville for subscribing!



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▶ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Okay campers, rise, and shine, and don't forget your booties 'cause it's cold out there ... it's cold out there every day."
Phil Connors, from *Groundhog Day*

▶ TODAY'S JOKE

What happens if a greenskeeper sees his shadow?
We have six weeks of unraked sand traps.

▶ OBITUARIES

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OBITUARIES

Beverly A. Howard

July 23, 1925 - Jan. 31, 2022

Beverly A. Howard, 96, of Noblesville, passed away on Mon., Jan. 31, 2022 at Riverwalk Village in Noblesville.

She was born on July 23, 1925 to Anthony and Hortense (Kelly) Hill in Princeton, Ind.

Mrs. Howard was a member of Bethel A.M.E. Church who loved the Lord and enjoyed serving her community. She was a miracle worker in the kitchen and an angel on the piano.

Survivors include her sons, Kevin Howard and Denny Howard; grandchildren Kyle Howard, Lenore Williams, David Howard, Melissa Howard and Carolyn Epperson; great-grandchildren Aubrey Baker, Terry Webb, Davion Howard, Ginaya Howard, Corey Howard, Quinten Howard and Dylan Ontiveroz; The Newsom Family; and several nieces & nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Amos C Howard.

Services will be private for family, but will be livestreamed at 12 p.m. on Feb. 10, 2022 at: <https://www.facebook.com/BethelNoblesville/>

Memorial contributions may be made to Bethel A.M.E. Church, 17777 Little Chicago Road, Noblesville, Ind. 46062.

Condolences can be made online at www.randallroberts.com.

Barton "Bart" Turner

Oct. 12, 1967 - Jan. 28, 2022

Barton "Bart" Turner, 54, of Westfield, passed away Jan. 28, 2022.

He was born Oct. 12, 1967 in Logansport, son of Charles and Mary Ellen (Grant) Turner.

Mr. Turner was a 1986 graduate of Logansport High School. Following high school graduation, he attended Culver Summer School. He was also a 1990 graduate of Anderson University and later received his master's degree from Indiana Wesleyan University. He continued his education in the Indiana Police Academy.

During Mr. Turners working years, he worked at ML Ferris Investigations, Culver Summer School-Boy Scout Program, and Kokomo Police Department. Also, as a Cass County Juvenile Probation Officer, as well as with the TSA, and most recently, Department Finance and Accounting Service.

Survivors include parents, Charles and Mary Ellen; wife, Sheri; children, Noah, Elijah and Kayleigh, stepchildren Conner and Gabriel; sisters, Angela, Heather (Bobby), Heidi (Andy) and Hannah (Jarred); and brothers Travis (Sheri) and Tim (Ashley).

He was preceded in death by grandparents; biological parents, Karen (Ferris) Goodman and Dennis Ferris.

Family and Friends will gather Fri., Feb. 4, 2022 from 4-7 p.m. in Christ United Methodist Church, Westfield, where the Funeral Service will take place Sat., Feb. 5, at 11 a.m.

Please visit www.bussellfamilyfunerals.com to read Bart's complete obituary.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Bussell Family Funerals.



Dennis Lee Warner

Sep. 1, 1961 - Jan. 27, 2022

Dennis Lee Warner, 60, of Noblesville, went to be with the Lord on Thu., Jan. 27, 2022 at St. Vincent Hospital in Carmel.

He was born on Sep. 1, 1961 in Noblesville, Ind., to Max Warner and Judy Reed.

On June 30, 1983, he married the love of his life, Ethel (Kelley) Warner.

Mr. Warner had a laugh that was contagious and a smile that lit up the entire room. Being a husband, father, and pappy is what made his smile shine so bright. He had room in his heart for everyone and opened the door to his home to all. He was a storyteller extraordinaire and kids always gathered around to hear his next tale. He was always up for an adventure whether it was hiking, exploring caves, playing golf, taking his grandsons to car shows, or even just laying on the floor playing dolls with his granddaughter. He didn't care what he was doing, what made him happy was making his family smile. He had a way of making everyone around him feel needed and had a gift of being able to relate with everyone, young and old.

Most important to Mr. Warner was his spot at Calvary Apostolic Church where he faithfully attended for 43 years. He was a prayer warrior, mentor, and father/pappy to the entire church family.

Survivors include his wife; sons Dennis (Marissa) Warner, Derick (Hannah) Warner and Dustin (Audrey) Warner; 7 grandchildren Clark, Jude, Finley, Evin, Atlas, Beckham and Declan. He also had a grandson, Levi, due to arrive in April. In addition, he had three special grandkids he loved very much: Lorenzo, Mia and Julian Rodriguez.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, David Warner; and his sister Laura Warner.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Mon., Feb. 7, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street in Noblesville. A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. on Tue., Feb. 8, 2022 at Calvary Apostolic Church, 16400 Cumberland Road in Noblesville with Pastor Bryan Tanton officiating.

Condolences can be made online at www.randallroberts.com.



Luke Bryan Announces Ruoff Show; Tickets On Sale Friday

Five-time Entertainer of the year Luke Bryan, who in his career has played sold-out shows for 12+ million fans inclusive of nearly 40 stadium concerts, Spring Break shows, Farm Tours and seven sold-out Crash My Playa destination concerts, is revealing the details of his RAISED UP RIGHT TOUR. The tour will make a stop at Ruoff Music Center located in Noblesville, Indiana on Saturday, August 20 and also feature Riley Green, Mitchell Tenpenny and DJ Rock. Promoted by Live Nation, tickets go on sale this Friday, February 4 at 10am local time at LiveNation.com.

"My favorite place to be is on stage performing to country music fans," said Luke. "So thankful every night when I walk out on that stage and know you are

there to have a blast along beside me. It never gets old!"

Ticket presale for Luke's fan club members begins Tuesday, February 1 at 8am local time through Thursday, February 3 at 5pm local time. For details go HERE. Citi is the official card of the RAISED UP RIGHT TOUR. Citi cardmembers will have access to presale tickets beginning Wednesday, February 2 at 10am local time until Thursday, February 3 at 10pm local time through the Citi Entertainment program. For complete presale details visit www.citientertainment.com.

The tour takes its name from the chorus of Luke's current smash single "Up," which is the sixth single from Luke's #1 debuting BORN HERE LIVE HERE DIE HERE album.

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Noblesville Plan Commission
Noblesville, Indiana
The Noblesville Plan Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Application LEGP 0013-2022 on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers...

NOTICE OF EXECUTION OF LEASE
BETWEEN THE CARMEL CLAY SCHOOL BUILDING CORPORATION AND CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, FOR LEASE OF FACILITIES OPERATED BY THE SCHOOL CORPORATION
Pursuant to action taken on January 24, 2022, a Lease with the Carmel Clay School Building Corporation in the form submitted at said meeting was authorized and approved by the School Trustees of the Carmel Clay Schools, Hamilton County, Indiana (the "School Corporation")...

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CASE TA-21-47
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Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Hamilton County, Indiana, that the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, Indiana, will hold a public hearing on proposed Ordinance No. 02-14-22-A, titled "An Ordinance Reestablishing a Cumulative Capital Development Fund"...

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF HEARING ON TAX RATE FOR MAJOR BRIDGE FUND (Indiana Code 8-16-3.1)
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) JSS
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) ESTATE NO.: 29D01-2112-EU-574
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED)
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Christine Foust, DECEASED.)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Theresa A. Marcum on December 9, 2021 appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Christine Foust, Deceased, who died on October 10 2021.

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Milton C. Deering, Jr., DECEASED.)
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KOEHLER LAW, LLC
12805 E. New Market Street, Suite 200
Carmel, Indiana 46032
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Hamilton County Superior Court
In the Matter of the Estate of Estate of Cole A. Rohrabough, deceased.
Estate Docket 29D01-2201-EU-000021
Notice is hereby given that Wesley A. Rohrabough was on January 19 2022, appointed Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF COLE A. ROHRABOUGH, deceased (DOD: October 14, 2021).

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, Indiana, during its regularly scheduled meeting in the Commissioners' Courtroom will receive sealed bids for items as listed below. These sealed bids must be forwarded by registered mail or delivered in person to the Hamilton County Auditor, located in the basement of the Courthouse at 33 North 9th Street, Suite L21, Noblesville, Indiana 46060 prior to 12:30 p.m. on Monday, February 14, 2022. After 12:30 p.m. they can be delivered to the Auditor in the Hamilton County Commissioners Courtroom up to the time of the noticed bid opening.

NOTICE OF MARSHAL'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of decree to me directed from the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, Indianapolis Division, in Civil Cause No. 1:20-cv-3127-TWP-TAB, wherein the United States of America is Plaintiff and the Defendant, unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, successors, executors, administrators, personal representatives, guardians, trustees, receivers, grantees and lessees of Ann M. Rossmann (deceased); Jane M. Atkinson, Mark A. Rossmann; and unknown owners and non-record claimants, are requiring me to make the sum of \$461,630.64, plus interest thereon from October 26, 2021, together with costs of this action, as provided for in said decree, I expose at public sale to the highest bidder on February 28, 2022, at 10:00 A.M., local time, on said day at the door of the Hamilton County Courthouse, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, IN 46060 the following described real estate located in Hamilton County, Westfield, Indiana:

UNIT 56 IN THE MAPLES AT SPRINGMILL BLOCK #15 OF SECTION ONE, CREATED BY DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM OWNERSHIP FOR THE MAPLES AT SPRINGMILL CONDOMINIUMS RECORDED JUNE 29, 2006 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 200600037422, AS SHOWN IN THE FINAL CONDOMINIUM SITE PLAN RECORDED NOVEMBER 12, 2008 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2008056081, AMENDED BY SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF THE MAPLES AT SPRINGMILL CONDOMINIUMS RECORDED NOVEMBER 12, 2008 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2008056080, RE-RECORDED NOVEMBER 24, 2008 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2008058209 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN COMMON AREAS. Commonly known as: 16942 Maple Springs Way, Unit 56, Westfield, IN 46074

NOTICE OF SUIT
To the defendants named below herein, and any other person who may be concerned.
You are notified that you have been sued in the Court named above. The nature of the suit is the foreclosure of a series of liens upon the property located in Hamilton County at 315 South Railroad Street, Atlanta, Indiana, 46031, legally described as:
Lot numbered 2, 3 and North Half of Lot 4 in Square Number 9 in Atlanta Improvement Company's Addition and Walton's Second Addition, an addition to the Town of Atlanta in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Book 58, page 15, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana, (hereafter "Real Estate").

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SHERIDAN, INDIANA CONCERNING THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY INTO THE TOWN
The Town Council of the Town of Sheridan, Hamilton County, Indiana (the "Council") will conduct a public hearing on March 1, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. (Local Time) at the Sheridan Community Center, located at 300 E 6th St, Sheridan, IN 46069, to consider an ordinance annexing certain property into the Town. A description of the affected property is available and can be inspected at the offices of the Sheridan Clerk-Treasurer, located at 506 South Main Street, Sheridan, IN 46069, during regular business hours. At the public hearing, the Town Council will receive and hear comments, remonstrance, and objections from interested persons concerning the proposed annexation.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS AND CONTRACTORS
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, Indiana, hereinafter referred to as the OWNER, will receive sealed bids for the Steven Nation Community Pathway, Phase 1 (DNR Project NLT-02-16), in Hamilton County, Indiana.
Sealed bids can be forwarded individually by registered mail or delivered in person to the Hamilton County Auditor's Office until 11:30 a.m., February 28, 2022, at 33 N. 9th Street, Suite L21, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. After 11:30 a.m. they can be delivered to the Auditor in the Hamilton County Commissioners Courtroom up to the time of the noticed bid opening.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received:
By: Carmel Clay Schools
5201 East Main Street
Carmel, IN 46033
For: Carmel High School Natatorium
520 East Main Street
Carmel, IN 46032
At: 5201 East Main Street
Carmel, IN 46032
Until: 2:00PM (Local Time), February 9, 2022
Bid Opening: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00PM (local time), in the Carmel Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main Street, Carmel, IN 46033 and via Microsoft Teams
Microsoft Teams meeting
Click here to join the meeting
Or call in (audio only)
+1 317-762-3960, 445141843# United States, Indianapolis
Phone Conference ID: 445 141 843#

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1) Various Roads in Wayne and White River Townships totaling approximately 8.27 miles and referred to as "Contract 22-01" all in Hamilton County, Indiana.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

TREASURERS NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF TAX DUPLICATES

TAX RATES NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS OF HAMILTON COUNTY TO TAX LEVIES AND RATES

Notice is hereby given that the Tax Duplicates for State, County, Townships, Schools, Libraries and Corporations of Hamilton County, for the year 2021 payable 2022, are now in the hands of the County Treasurer, who is ready to receive the taxes charge thereon. The following table shows the rate of taxation on each \$100.00 worth of taxable real and personal property in the several units. First installment delinquent after May 10. Second installment delinquent after November 10.

CERTIFIED 2021 PAY 2022

Susan Byer, Hamilton County Treasurer

Table with columns for County, Township, Library, School, City/Town, and various tax categories (e.g., Co. General, Co. 2016 Mortgage Refunding, Co. 2002 GO Bonds, etc.). Rows include County, Township, Library, School, City/Town, and various tax categories with corresponding rates.

State of Indiana: Hamilton County: I, Robin M. Mills, Auditor of Hamilton County, hereby certify that the above is a correct copy of all taxes collectible in the year 2022 Dated this 20th day of January, 2022 Robin M. Mills Hamilton County Auditor

BETSY

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didn't have any connections to Westfield Playhouse before hearing about their needs, they felt compelled to give.

"Our first love is the theater," Frank Basile, 82, said. "We are proud to be associated with Main Street Productions," which presents plays and musicals at the newly constructed Playhouse that opened in 2020 on Union Street in downtown Westfield after moving from an old church-turned-theater in nearby Eagletown.

"Katrina and I appreciate the opportunity to use some of our resources for a mission that resonates with us, including the building, and the board and the types of plays they present," Basile said.

Basile hasn't attended any shows but will be doing so starting with the production, "Of Mice and Men," which opens on Feb. 10.

He especially enjoys assisting smaller theaters in providing quality arts options for local residents.

"The successful 30-year-old Main Street Productions, with its beautiful new building in the city of Westfield, provided the perfect opportunity to use our resources for a cause we believe in, and we are very grateful for that opportunity," he said.

Basile sees giving, indeed, as an opportunity.

He was about 45 years old when he made his first major donation, which was at the Indianapolis Art Center, followed by the Phoenix Theatre.

Basile Westfield Playhouse is the 10th venue that bears his last name. The Basile namesakes are all related to theaters or performing arts centers and include Frank and Katrina Basile Stage at Phoenix Theatre, Frank M. Basile Auditorium at Indianapolis Art Center, Frank and Katrina Ba-



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Basile Westfield Playhouse has been named after donors Frank and Katrina Basile.

sile Auditorium at Herron School of Art, Frank and Katrina Basile Opera Center at Indianapolis Opera, IndyFringe Basile Theater at IndyFringe, Heartland Basile Theatre in Heartland Film's office in Fountain Square, The Basile at the Historic Athenaeum and The Fonseca Theater in the Basile Building. (Frank Basile provided this list of Indianapolis theaters.)

He said he has been fortunate to be able to help all of these groups using his donations.

Basile, whose primary source of income for 33 years was his compensation as vice president of property management for the Gene B. Glick Co., where he was responsible for the company's 21,000 apartments in 21 states, said, "I was also given the opportunity to invest in some of the company's limited partnerships, which have been highly successful."

He said, "I saved as much as I could through the years and made wise investments in the stock market."

Basile doesn't come from money. He was born and raised in New Orleans, and his parents were "relatively poor financially," he said.

"I would imagine having

money to do all the things my five sisters and I couldn't, like attending arts and cultural events, though I only had a vague idea of what those were," he told an audience in a Spirit & Place essay that he was asked to write and present. Since he took no family trips or vacations, with the exception of visiting nearby relatives, he said, "I imagined traveling to far-off lands, like New York and China."

As a boy, his job was to watch his dad's fruit stand. "Since there weren't a lot of customers, I relied on my imagination for entertainment. Little did I know that these daydreams, as my mother called them, would take seed," he said in his essay.

"Through the years, I gradually accomplished or became much of what I had imagined I enjoyed the challenges that came with having to make things happen for myself and the resulting self-confidence and feeling of accomplishment."

Meeting challenges help in his personal growth.

"Those who don't fend for themselves frequently miss out on the struggle and the thrill of overcoming," he



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Basile Westfield Playhouse board members Teresa Skelton (from left) and Thom Johnson and Bill Miller (from right), Tom Smith and Kevin Shadle recognize a \$100,000 contribution from philanthropists Frank and Katrina Basile (couple in center) through naming rights of the theater.

told his audiences.

Basile recalled being told by his Catholic high school principal that his tuition was overdue and then learned from his sobbing mother that his dad had gambled away the tuition money she had given him to take to the school on his way to the market.

He drove an old pickup truck to the farmer's market near the French Quarter, he said, got a load of watermelons from a farmer on consignment and sold every one of them on the side of the road at his uncle's farm just outside of New Orleans. He paid his tuition the next day.

"That was not only a thrilling accomplishment, but the beginning of the realization that I was the master of my fate," he said. The only way to overcome something he feared was to do it.

Plus, he wanted to be able to live comfortably and enjoy experiences, like travel while having enough money left over to help other people.

Achieving his dreams required focus, determination and drive.

A businessman -- who

also wears the hats of certified speaking professional, author, columnist, community volunteer, philanthropist, retired property management executive and world traveler of more than 190 countries on all seven continents -- he often recites his favorite poem, "New Day."

He also quotes Winston Churchill's "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

He once said at a fundraiser, "rather than being thanked for his donation, he believes that donors should be thanking fundraisers for the opportunity presented to spend his time and resources."

Basile said, "After you've made a certain amount of money, what do you do with it?"

He went to work when he was transferred from Detroit to Indianapolis by Ford Motor Co. (He had a parting of the ways with Ford.) Same time, he was getting a divorce. He noticed the apartments were poorly managed. He had to find another job. His job was to ask the manager who trains her. He thought

maybe this was an opportunity in an industry where, he said, "I could make a difference." Basile, after finding out who owned the most apartments, wrote a letter to Gene Glick.

He met his wife, Katrina, in 1998 at the old Capri restaurant, and they were married shortly after the devastating Hurricane Katrina. Living on Indy's northside gives them easy access to downtown Indy as well as the northern suburbs, like Carmel, Noblesville and Westfield, "which is important to us since we frequently attend events in those areas," she said. And sometimes, they have dinner at Pebblebrook Golf Club, "where Dave Lowe plays the piano and sings and we dance."

Basile originally learned about Westfield Playhouse's needs from Joel Kirk, a mutual friend of Playhouse builder Paul Estridge during the Playhouse's capital campaign.

"When he (Basile) learned of our needs for items that we were looking for, interior finishes on the stage and the auditorium, he asked for a tour of the facility," said Bill Miller, the Playhouse's vice president of business. "He met with a couple of our board members and toured the Playhouse."

Basile researched the Playhouse's past couple of seasons, board and history with the community. He then made an offer of a Playhouse donation, which the board granted Miller the rights and privilege to negotiate and discuss with Basile.

Basile said the charities to which he donates are small organizations. He said, "They have to be small enough where we can make a difference."

- Contact Betsy Reason at betsy@thetimes24-7.com

WEEK

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Thompson replaces Shane Ginnan, who is now the Town Marshal of Yorktown.

"In the system we have setup here with staff, we're really six working as one (police chief, assistant chief and four deputy chiefs). It is a true team effort," said Mann. "Jason has the right chemistry, which he's built up over his 17 years in the department, to be a perfect fit within our team approach. We needed someone who could step into this role that still has that servant leadership mentality. Jason is a great

fit for that. We are excited, not only for Jason in his new position, but for the future of the Noblesville Police Department."

Westfield Playhouse becomes "Basile Westfield Playhouse"

Main Street Productions, Inc., Westfield's own community theatre company, has received a sizeable donation to our capital and operating fund from Frank and Katrina Basile. In honor of this donation, Main Street Productions has named our home, "Basile Westfield Playhouse."

MSP will be adding the name to the facade of the building and are honored to be continuing to produce quality theatre and community involvement in the new Basile Westfield Playhouse.

Bill Miller, Vice President of Main Street Productions, Inc., said, "It was a joy to work with Mr. Basile on this donation. He believes strongly in our mission and wanted to help us take our theater to the next level. In the coming several months you will see new improvements to our home to enhance your experience while at

our playhouse." Brandi Davis, President of Main Street Productions, Inc., stated, "The donation from Frank and Katrina Basile will help guarantee that we will continue to be able to produce the high quality entertainment that Westfield has come to expect from MSP."

The Indiana Department of Health is hosting a free mobile testing and vaccination clinic in Carmel as part of its ongoing efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

WHEN: Wed., Jan. 19th

- Sat., Jan. 22nd from 12 - 8 p.m.

WHERE: Jill Perelman Pavilion, 3000 W. 116th St Carmel, Ind. 46032

HOW: Register online by visiting ourshot.in.gov or call 211 (866-211-9966) and a representative will schedule an appointment for you from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. EDT daily. Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are accepted.

Aspire Indiana Health is distributing more than 40,000 COVID home test kits to its community partners, schools and other

nonprofit organizations in Boone, Grant, Hamilton, Madison and Marion counties.

In order to reach our most vulnerable Hoosier populations, Aspire is partnering with community organizations in our 5-county primary service area that can best connect vulnerable Hoosier populations with the rapid COVID tests. Social disparities have been shown to result in lower income, minority, urban and rural populations having less access to free testing options.

PAULA

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stated that she was 122 years old. (I doubt she managed to age from 110 to 122 in a single year.)

The longest and, I believe, most accurate account of her life ran in the May 18, 1900, Hamilton County Ledger. It's a fascinating story.

Her original owner was a wealthy Virginian from the Richmond area named William Mayo. She appears to have been passed on to the Dade family at a fairly young age, however, possibly when Mayo's daughter, Anne, married General Lawrence Taliferro Dade.

At some point she married and had two girls, but I found very little about her family. She became separated from her husband while still a young woman and she never saw him again. The daughters both died long before she did.

Sometime prior to the Civil War, the Dades (or whoever owned her then) moved from Virginia to Kentucky and she was taken along. She said she was made to cover the entire distance on foot, despite being "well advanced in years."

Around 1870, she went

to live with her granddaughter, Mary Bassett, and Mary's husband, Reverend Miles Bassett.

The family moved to Noblesville's Federal Hill area around 1895 when Reverend Bassett came here to preach in the First Baptist Church.

The Ledger noted that several historic events Mrs. Washington witnessed during her lifetime tended to reinforce the case for her being 110 in 1900.

For one thing, she was present when the Richmond Theatre in Richmond, Virginia, burned on December 26, 1811, a tragedy in which 72 people died.

When the British threatened to take Richmond during the War of 1812, she helped the family she was serving (possibly the Dades) pack up their household goods and escape up the James River.

According to the Ledger article, she nursed a relative of her master in President James Madison's home. Although no time frame was given, I'm guessing that master may have been General Dade because Dade knew Madison well.

Apparently, Mrs.

Washington knew Madison fairly well, too. She mentioned that he had three brothers, one of whom she described as a "habitual drunkard."

She also recalled seeing the Marquis de Lafayette during his 1824-1825 tour of the United States.

The Ledger observed in 1900 that Mrs. Washington was in good health for her age, pointing out that she'd never used any form of tobacco and that she had her "second eyesight" which allowed her to sew without needing glasses.

(For some inexplicable reason the article also included the fact she never wore a corset except for the night she was married!)

Sadly, a little over a year after the Ledger story ran, she fell down a stairway while carrying a basket of clothes (or a basin of water, depending on the source.)

She never really recovered from her injuries and died a couple of months later.

By the way, Mrs. Washington can claim another distinction -- she was the great-great grandmother of noted African American author and lawyer, Cyrus Colter

Main Street Productions, Inc. Presents

OF MICE AND MEN

By John Steinbeck

Directed by James H. Williams

February 10th - 20th, 2022

Thursday, Friday, Saturday Shows at 7:30 pm, Sunday Shows at 2:30 pm

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