



1879, Louisa Taylor holding Helen Chenoweth Stites

HELP FOR ANCESTRAL RESEARCH

Finding the names of enslaved ancestors prior to the 1870 census (commonly known as the “brick wall”) has been a huge challenge for African Americans researching their family trees. Now there is a huge breakthrough that is unlocking information and helping families find one another, thanks to research by Reckoning, Inc.

On Wednesday February 8th, join Reckoning Inc. and the Frazier History Museum for “Help Me Find My People: How Archival Documents Can Connect African Americans to Enslaved Ancestors.” Speakers from Reckoning, Inc. will share their discoveries and how it ties back to ledger books created to keep track of African American men who joined the US Colored Troops from Kentucky in the Civil War.

You’ll learn how a note passed at the foot of the L & N Railroad bridge in New Haven, Kentucky, to a Union Captain on December 30, 1862, opened the floodgates to information impacting thousands of families. You’ll also learn about Louisa Taylor (the woman pictured), how this research has led to life-changing discoveries, and how it may be able to help your family.

When: February 8, 2023

Where: Frazier History Museum, 829 West Main Street, Louisville, KY 40202
Doors open at 5:30pm. Gallery access is 5:30–6pm, and the Program is 6–7pm. Admission is free with a suggested \$10 donation. For more info: fraziermuseum.org

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The Spirit of Fundraising

Bourbon with HeART, an arts-focused bourbon charity, is launching a first-of-its-kind art exhibit called “Barrels of HeART” opening on February 2nd at the Frazier History Museum. Founded in 2022 by Morgan Hancock, Bourbon with HeART’s mission is to leverage the cultural stronghold the iconic spirit has on the city to raise funds, awareness, and education around the local art community.

The organization’s inaugural art exhibit will feature 20 custom-painted bourbon barrels designed by local artists. Exhibit attendees will vote on their favorite barrel, and the winning artist will be awarded a cash prize along with a donation to the charity of their choice. The remaining proceeds will be donated to area nonprofits.

“I started Barrels of HeART with the goal of creating a space for local artists to showcase their work, particularly those artists who may not always have that opportunity,” Morgan says. “Our artists come from all walks of life, perspectives, and experiences, but the one thing they have in common is a love for Kentucky. And each one has poured that love into their piece.”

The barrels provided to the artists were sponsored by local companies and bourbon brands who are committed to supporting Bourbon with HeART and Louisville’s arts community. “Art is like a good glass of bourbon, it brings people together and encourages self-expression,” Morgan says.

The Barrels of HeART exhibit will run at the Frazier History Museum from February 2 to March 30. For more info visit: bourbonwithheart.org

A Sensory Friendly Family Night

The Kentucky Science Center’s “No Limits Sensory Friendly Family Night” offers an interactive exploration for families of children with special needs in a sensory friendly environment. The recurring event includes after hour admission, themed activities, a take-home element and a supplemental activity card for continued learning.

This month’s Sensory Friendly Family Night will be held on February 11th from 5:00-8:30PM, and will focus on all things related to hearts. Families will create a one-of-a-kind mosaic heart, delight their taste buds with a Valentine’s themed liquid nitrogen ice cream bar, and also enjoy the Kentucky Science Center’s three floors of exhibits with lowered lights and sound levels.

Suggested ages are Pre-K to 5th grade. Tickets are \$25 for children and \$20 for adults and member discounts are available. For more info or to purchase tickets visit: kysciencecenter.org/programs/no-limits-family-nights/



KENTUCKY SCIENCE CENTER

Good Gravy

The Gravy Cup, the world’s largest biscuits and gravy competition returns on February 18th! Hosted by the Boys & Girls Haven and Purnell’s Old Folks Sausage, local amateur chefs will present their finest competition level biscuits and gravy to compete for the ultimate title of Grand Champion. The contestants will be divided into three categories: traditional (pork sausage roux), non-traditional (brown, red-eye, chorizo, etc.) and vegetarian. The recipes will be scored by a panel of professional and celebrity judges headed by The Food Network’s *Chopped* Champion and Volare Restaurant’s Josh Moore. While the grownups partake in all the gravy goodness, there will be an area for the kiddos with games, mascots and face painting. General admission is \$30, VIP is \$60, and children 10 and under can enjoy the contest for free! All proceeds will benefit The Boys & Girls Haven. For tickets and more info: gravycup.com



Trevor Noah: Off The Record

After a seven year stint, South African born comedian Trevor Noah definitely broke our hearts when he announced his departure as host of Comedy Central’s “The Daily Show.” If you’ve been missing his daily musings and satirical brand of comedy, you now have a chance to see him in person. The award winning comic recently kicked off a new world tour titled “Off the Record.” Gogo’s grandson (IYKYK) will be appearing at the Louisville Palace for a two-night appearance on February 10th and 11th. Make this an early V-day date night.