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BLACK HISTORY MONTH SECOND OF FIVE PARTS



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Among the artifacts on display at the Isaac Scott Hathaway museum in Lexington are a photograph of a group of Civil War soldiers, left, and a portrait of Sgt. Maj. Christian Fleetwood, a black Union soldier who was awarded the Medal of Honor.

FAYETTE COUNTY

If music be the food of love, play on

Order a singing valentine for your loved one this Valentine's Day and help out a cause in the process.

For \$25, employees of Bluegrass Care & Rehab will serenade the person of your choice (in Lexington only) and present them with a rose and candy. Songs range from sweetheart ballads to songs of thanks and appreciation.

This year the money raised will be donated to the Alzheimer's Association. Call Maxine Speaks at (859) 272-0608 by Feb. 12 to schedule a singing valentine.

Conference for grandparents

The 10th annual conference for grandparents and relatives raising children will be March 15 at the Clarion Hotel. Grandparents, caregivers, relatives and professionals are invited to attend. The conference includes 13 workshops, lunch, exhibits, and free legal consultations for relative caregivers. Joseph Crumbley, a national kinship expert, is the keynote and featured speaker. The conference is \$5 for grandparents/relatives and \$50 for professionals. Space is limited and the registration deadline is March 1. For questions or more information about the conference, call (859) 257-5582.

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AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE ON DISPLAY

Lexington museum settles into new home in fitting location



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The Isaac Scott Hathaway Museum's new home seems almost fitting: Black history was once something of an orphan when it came to the study of Kentucky history.

The museum moved last summer into the Robert H. Williams Cultural Center, a century-old building on Georgetown Street that once was the Colored Orphan Industrial Home.

"Our purpose is to highlight Kentucky African-Americans," said Yvonne Giles, the driving force behind the museum and one of Lexington's go-to people for black history information.

Much of the museum's collection has been donated or loaned by black Kentuckians who want to preserve their heritage. Several exhibits highlight the accomplishments of black Kentuckians such as Hathaway, a Lexington native for whom the museum is named.

Hathaway (1872-1967) was an art professor, ceramic artist and sculptor who was the first African-American to design U.S. coins: half-dollars honoring Booker T. Washington in 1946 and George Washington Carver in 1951.

One exhibit tells the story of the Tandy family. Henry Tandy (1853-1918), a builder who did the brick work beneath the stone

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IF YOU GO

Isaac Scott Hathaway Museum

Where: Robert H. Williams Cultural Center, 644 Georgetown St.

When: February hours: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wed.-Sat.

Admission: Free



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A marker outside the Robert H. Williams Cultural Center, home of the Isaac Scott Hathaway Museum, notes the historical significance of the Georgetown Street building.



A *Saga of the Black Woman*, a 2003 book that is part of a series by Lexington author Rosetta Lucas Quisenberry featuring historical depictions of blacks, is on display at the museum.

EDUCATION NOTES

AWARDS/HONORS

■ Sayre School student **Mason Hill** is one of two Kentucky students selected as delegates to the 50th Anniversary United States Senate Youth Program to be held March 3-10 in Washington, D.C.

Hyrum Dean of Fort Knox and Hill of Versailles were chosen from across the state to be part of the group of 104 student delegates who will attend the program's 50th Anniversary Washington Week.

Each year this competitive merit-based program brings 104 high school students — two from each state, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity — to Washington, D.C. for an intensive week-long study of the federal government and the people who lead it.



Mason Hill

The Hearst Foundations provide each of the 104 student delegates with a \$5,000 undergraduate college scholarship with encouragement to continue coursework in government, history and public affairs.

Hill is president of his junior class at Sayre and a member of the school's academic team. He also participates in the YMCA Youth in Government program including the Kentucky Youth Assembly, the Kentucky United Nations Assembly and the Youth in Government Conference on National Affairs. He has received the school math award and GPA award and has been a member of the school's varsity track and cross-country teams. He recently completed his Eagle Scout certification.

■ **Ashley Abshear**, a seventh grade student at Saints Peter and Paul Middle School, has received an outstanding delegate award at the Kentucky Youth Assembly. KYA is a three-day experiential learning conference in which students participate directly in the commonwealth's democratic process. Students have the opportunity to write and debate bills and sit on the capitol floor for a bill debate.



Ashley Abshear

Ashley received an outstanding delegate award for her participation in debate.

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