

Nonprofit Notes

■ **The Soirée**, presented by Rooms to Go, March 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Embassy Suites. Annual fundraiser for the Partnership for Children of Cumberland County. Dinner, dancing, entertainment and a raffle. Tickets are \$100 each. Go to ccpfc.org or call 867-9700, ext. 2479.

■ **Knights of Columbus Flounder Fish Fry** at St. Mary Catholic Church, 800 S. Main St., Laurinburg, March 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. Plates are \$7 each for adults and \$4 for children 12 years or younger. Eat in or take out. Onion rings are available at \$1.50 per serving. Call 276-2086.

■ **The American Heart Association** will have a free wine and cheese night Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at Moore Exposure, 215 Williams St. Participants are encouraged to wear red and learn more about the Go Red for Women campaign. RSVP by Sunday at facebook.com/GoRedForWomenFayettevilleNC. Call 835-1539.

■ **Adult Literacy Program of Fayetteville Urban Ministry** tutor training classes, March 11, 13, 18, and 20 from 6 to 9 p.m. (tutors must attend all four sessions) at 701 Whitfield St. Call 486-8331 to register.

■ **Fayetteville Moose Lodge 738 Moose Legion Oyster Roast**, 3740 Owen Drive, today, 3 p.m., \$25 per person, all you can eat. Call Ricky Roberts at 624-9686.

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Black history: Quiz bowl is designed to get kids thinking about their goals in life

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whose name is an acronym for Getting Opportunities Through Dedication and Devotion, shares the struggles of military and civilian fathers, both single and married. Its goal is to help balance jobs, military careers and family obligations.

It's a juggling act McGee became familiar with while raising his daughter.

"There was a lot of negativity in our situation," he said. "I knew things had to change, and we worked hard at it.

"I'm happy to say, 10 years later, she's a college graduate, now working on a master's degree. That's the kind of future we all want for our children. The question many have trouble answering is how — how do we get there?"

The annual black history quiz was originally seen as an opportunity for parents to work with their children to increase awareness of the accomplishments of blacks in history.

Recently, McGee said, the event has evolved into preparing for the future as much as studying the past. This year's event is adding military appreciation events, including a tour of the Airborne and Special Operations Museum — assisted by a convoy of cars and motorcycles, weather permitting.

10TH ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY 4EVER QUIZ BOWL

■ **When:** Today, beginning at 9 a.m.

■ **Where:** John D. Fuller Recreation Center, 6627 Old Bunce Road

■ **Admission:** No charge to watch or compete. Competition is open to students in four age categories, with cash and gift certificates going to the winners.

■ **Note:** Weather permitting, after the quiz bowl at noon, participants may join a "Ride to Freedom" downtown to the Airborne & Special Operations Museum.

■ **Information:** gotdad.org

"We're calling it the 'Ride to Freedom,'" McGee said. "It's an expression of appreciation for all the sacrifice these soldiers have made for us to enjoy our way of life at home."

Questions in the quiz bowl reflect the military heritage of Cumberland County.

"We want the kids to be thinking of their own futures and how they will grow as adults," McGee said. "So we have questions involving military ranks, uniforms and things related to them.

"We will also have famous African-Americans in business, not just history. And questions pertaining to college and sports and entertainment. There are so many possibilities for these students to see themselves in the future. They can grow in so many ways."

So can the quiz bowl, if McGee's vision comes through. He'd like to have regional quiz bowls, with the finals held in Fayetteville, perhaps with a military connection.

"There's a whole world out there beyond Fayetteville that thinks it is so cool to see an Army truck, to see actual soldiers," he said. "We should tap into that. Invite participants to dine on base, let them see the guys parachute — it would blow them away.

"Fayetteville would have an event, a money-making, positive event, that would be supported on so many levels."

And kids would be able to see a future through studying the past.

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SO, HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

Over the past decade, hundreds of students have been challenged by some tough questions in the Black History Quiz Bowl. Here are a few. Answers are at the end. No peeking!

1. Who was the first black person to serve in the U.S. Senate?
2. Who is credited with inventing the riding saddle for horses?
3. Who invented the three-way stoplight?
4. Who became the first black four-star general?
5. What was the first industrial nation to abolish slavery?
6. Who was the first black golfer to compete in the PGA?
7. Who was the first black athlete to sponsor a shoe?
8. What was the first rap song to become a top 40 hit on the Billboard Hot 100?
9. What monetary nickname was given to the 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion, an all-black Airborne group that

became history's first military smoke jumpers?

10. What U.S. Army ranking is given the designation O-5?

Answers:

1. Fayetteville native Hiram Rhodes Revels, in 1870
2. Buffalo soldier W.D. Davis, in 1895
3. Garrett A. Morgan, in 1923
4. Daniel "Chappie" James Jr., in 1975
5. England
6. Charles Sifford, in 1961. Also, in 2004, he became the first African-American inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame.
7. Jesse Owens was asked by Adi Dassler to promote his new shoe line, Adidas.
8. Rapper's Delight, by the Sugar Hill Gang in 1979
9. They were known as the "Triple Nickels."
10. O-5 is a lieutenant colonel

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Those attending this event will be offered a complimentary ticket to CRTT's THE PARCHMAN HOUR (based on availability) to the showings on March 7 or 8.

 Dr. Timothy B. Tyson will speak about the Freedom Riders and how they are relevant to race relations in contemporary culture. This is followed by a conversation with playwright Mike Wiley.

Historian Timothy B. Tyson is a visiting professor of American Christianity and Southern culture at Duke Divinity School and senior scholar of documentary studies at Duke's Center for Documentary Studies.

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