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Black History Event

Quiz bowl delayed for lack of players

A staff report

Lack of turnout on Saturday morning forced the postponement of GOTDAD's fourth annual Black History Quiz Bowl at Marketfair Mall.

"We had to have enough in the competition," said Joe McGee, who is founder and director of the sponsoring GOTDAD, or Getting Opportunities Through Dedication and Devotion. The nonprofit organization is made up of local fathers.

"I know the CIAA was going on this week," he said of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association basketball tournament in Charlotte. "A lot of folk was going on to that."

The quiz bowl has been rescheduled for April 14 at Marketfair Mall.

Last year, the event drew about 30 kids, ages 10 to 18.

On Saturday, "a good seven," McGee said, showed up to try their knowledge on black history facts and figures. One participant, Savion Johnson of Fayetteville, won \$50 by default in the 13- to 15- age group, according to McGee.

"No," he said, "it's not scratched for this year. This year the whole idea turned into 'blackhistory4ever.' The kids can learn all year long."

For more information and to bone up on black history facts, go to www.blackhistory4ever.com. Or, call 867-6122.

"We'll do it again this year," said McGee. "This time, we won't be associated around an event. The prize package is going to be even bigger."

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