

MLK Prayer Breakfast From Front Page

in Luther King, Jr. Prayer breakfast
Cumberland County Day of Service



Mr. Billy West (MC), Dr. Larry O. Wright, Sr.,
Mrs. Kim D. Saunders (Keynote Speaker)
Fayetteville Councilman D.J. Haire
At 20th Annual Fellowship Breakfast
Photo by JJ Jones

some cleaned while others helped reassemble storage units for the ministerial food bank and clothes closet. The brainchild of Coretta Scott King, Dr. King's widow; the King family celebrated his birthday as a day on, not a day off. Hundreds of students at J.W. Coon Elementary School on Hope Mills Road were given brand new sneakers, part of an initiative by a North Carolina group called Samaritan's Feet. According to spokesman Mike Leith, "Our goal was to give away 300 pairs of shoes at the school." The experience for some turned out to be a family affair. Several parents joined their children, and got their hands dirty sort of speak. Some even helped clean up neighborhoods across Fayetteville and Spring Lake. Volunteering is one of those 'feel good' moments that is not only rewarding, but it is just the right thing to do in your community. Fayetteville State University's Office of Civic Engagement & Service Learning, in collaboration with Methodist University and Fayetteville Technical Community College, sponsored the 2013 MLK Challenge Day of Service. It was reported more than 100 students from Fayetteville State University showed up ready to go. Methodist and Fayetteville State Universities along with Fayetteville Technical Community College came together in a joint effort. A lot of students joined from Cumberland County schools also. The project was funded in part by the federal Corporation for National and Community Service. Teams were given instructions and students were the leaders within their team's challenge. "We've got a lot of bricklayers today at Fayetteville Urban Ministry today. And each one is helping build a stronger community." It goes without saying the Day of Service in Cumberland County touched hundreds, if not thousands. It is a great opportunity to promote racial harmony, while demonstrating the strength in working together as one. Little known Black History Fact, as we enter Black History Month: During World War II tensions between whites and blacks heightened in Detroit. Housing was limited. More than 300,000 people moved there (including 50,000 African-Americans) because the defense industry was booming from the war. Recruiters appealed to black and white people from the South to come for jobs. Surprised once they got there, African Americans discovered bigotry was also strong in the north. In June 1943, Packard Motor Car Company promoted three black workers to work alongside whites on the assembly line. The promotion caused 25,000 workers to walk away from the job. It effectively slowed down the critical war production. Hatred, in any form, is definitely a cancer that permeates the soul...and kills the spirit! Read more at <http://www.omg-facts.com/lists/415/15-Things-About-The-Past-That-Used-To-Totally-Suck/4?fromN#LRwuRw3vk5WR9ysk.99>

"A Day Of Service"—which promoted volunteerism. Cumberland County residents, groups and civic clubs were encouraged to be a part of the countywide Day of Service observance. It was reported the activities tripled the service hours from the previous year. Cumberland County benefited from more than 2,400 hours of service. Some of the activities included: area cleanups, running errands for senior citizens or the disabled as well as visiting veterans and seniors in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. This year's Day of Service developed partnerships with the Fayetteville Branch of the NAACP, The Radio Reading Service of Eastern North Carolina, the Stedman Wade Community Center, Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Adah Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and The Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center. Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. of Fayetteville and the Fayetteville Chapter of the Links Inc. sacrificed a day at home to be part of the "Day of Service." We all know Dr. King's reverberant message. "Everybody can be great... because anybody can serve." Cumberland County is a melting pot of cultures and ethnicities, we should come together and demonstrate unity in the community year round not only on King's Holiday. "In serving others, we honor this day and what it's about," said Larry Wright. "Every brick matters when you're building a community. "We've got a lot of bricklayers at Fayetteville Urban Ministry, and And each one is helping build a stronger community." Brandon Price of Fayetteville Urban Ministry said that

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She continues, "Most people don't remember what their property taxes are or their taxes on their vehicles. Most people don't realize that if they have two jobs, then the mileage between the first job and the second is deductible. Every little bit counts on your taxes."

Here's something else you may not have known. One of the biggest misconceptions in filing taxes is you can only claim 2 children. "But the child tax credit is issued for any dependent child under the age of 17 and it's \$1000," says Stephanie. "So if you've got 8 children, it could be up to \$8000 depending on your income. Another misconception is that you can only claim your children until they are 18 and that is not true. Technically, you can claim them as long as they're living with you, you support them and they don't make over \$9000 a year."

With the Affordable Health Care Act, many people are concerned about impending health care tax hikes. "We're here to provide you with information on how the Health Care Act will affect you and what penalties or credits you could incur starting in 2014," says Stephanie.

The bottom line: With all the misconceptions and mistakes that can be made during tax season, it seems the best solution is also the smart one too. Have your taxes prepared by a professional who has your best tax interest in mind. Taxes-R-Us will not only make sure you get your refund fast; they will make sure it's right.

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