



Some of the participants in the BRLC Martin Luther King celebration are pictured here. They are, from left, front row: Moliyah Caple, Treamenda Caple, Sasha Hill (volunteer), Noah Colson and Alton Jackson. Back row: volunteer Delma Ingram, Jahmya Brewer, Jazzlyn Brewer, Maurice Caple, Caleb Williamson and Itoya Ingram.



Pictured here are the contestants who read the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 'I Have a Dream' speech, Front center Jazzlyn Brewer. Second row, from left Raymond Henderson, Craig Little, Jr., Nathaniel Davis, Louis Burns, Jakeem Ingram and Harvey Broadway.

### Martin Luther King Day Celebrated at Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center

Citizens from throughout Anson and surrounding communities gathered at Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center on Monday, January 15 to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. At the 12:00 noon event all guests were served their choice of homemade beef stew and homemade chili, along with other fixings to go along with the meal and beverages. Minister Mary Burns of the Peachland community provided the prayer of blessings before the meal was served. BRLC volunteer Deloris Hammond, community adults, and youth were responsible for serving all the guests. BRLC Board of Directors Chair Vinnie Daniels of Union County welcomed all the guests in attendance to the celebration. In her welcome she gave a brief summary of the objectives and goals of the BRLC organization. Volunteer Delma Ingram of Ansonville led the group in the opening prayer, and youth Jahmya Brewer assisted in the opening with the Lord's Prayer. Youth ages 8 to 17 years provided the event with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and the christian flag. Cheers to honor Dr. King's legacy were done by youth Sasha Hall of Burnsville and Itoya Ingram of Wingate. During the event a youth presentation about Dr. M. L. King's was given which included short readings of his life. BRLC youth also engaged in a question and answer session. The information was given from youth Maurice Caple, Moliyah Caple, Jazzlyn Brewer, Jahmya Brewer, Caleb Williamson and Alton Jackson. Ansonville Elementary School student Noah Colson was given the responsibility of standing and holding a picture of Dr. King during the presentations. All children who participated were presented gifts. The program highlight included volunteer Derick Byrd who presented the 'I Have a Dream' speech in sign language as Elsie white read it to the audience. There also was an 'I Have A Dream' speech competition. The youth competition of the 'I Have a Dream' speech was between Jazzlyn Brewer who attends Anson Middle School and Jakeem Ingram who attends Forest Hill High School. The adult competitors were Nathaniel Davis, Craig Little, Jr., Raymond Henderson, Harvey Broadway and Louis Burns. The audience was given ballots and were asked to vote for their favorite constant. The youth winner was Jazzlyn Brewer and the adult winner was Louis Burns. Director of Anson County Department of Social Services Mrs. Lula Jackson, Anson County Clerk of Court Mr. Mark Hammond, and BRLC Board of Director member Mr. Marshall Caple were responsible for counting the ballots. The winners were presented gifts. With your support BRLC continues to live out the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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### Free Tax Assistance at Grace Senior Center

Free income tax assistance will be available for Anson County Residents sixty years of age or older of low or moderate income needing help in preparing their income tax returns. The assistance is a program sponsored by AARP and Grace Senior Center. Volunteer counselors trained in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service will be at Grace Senior Center on Wednesday, March 7 and Wednesday, April 4. This free assistance is designed to help taxpayers fill out forms 1040EZ, 1040A, 1040 and the North Carolina return. Persons using the service should bring a picture ID, this year's tax package, age and earnings statements (forms W-2) received from employers, interest statements from banks (form 1099-INT), a copy of last year's tax return, and any other relevant information concerning income and expenses. Electronic filing of returns will be available. If you are interested call Grace Senior Center to register and for additional information at 704-694-6616 or 694-6217.

### Celebrating National Inspire Your Heart with Art Day

The Cheraw Arts Commission is celebrating National Inspire Your Heart with Art Day with an Art Activity for Senior Citizens. The free event will be held on Wednesday, January 31, from 9:30 until 11 a.m. at the Cheraw Community Center. Instructor for the event will be Melanie Trusky. All supplies will be provided for the activity. Seniors (age 55+) are invited to participate in the arts on the 31st. Preregistration is required as space is limited. For additional information and to register to participate, contact the Cheraw Arts Commission at 843.537.8420 x 12

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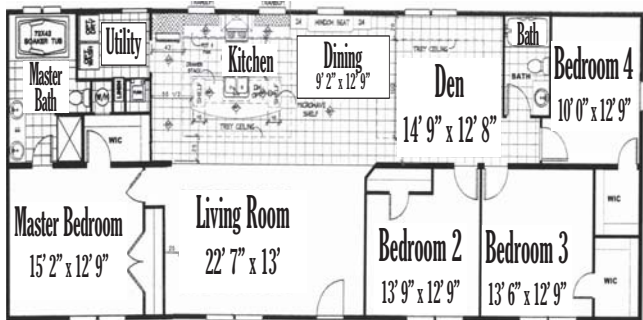


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