



Pictured from left, front row: are Rosa Brewer, Sarah Thomas, Alton Jackson, and Jewel Brewer. Back row: Allen Jackson, Joe F. Thomas and Nelson Jackson with his grandson Deneltron Watson, better known as DJ.  
Photo courtesy of J'mya Brewer

### Dr. Martin Luther King Honored at BRLC

This is a release from Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center: The theme for Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center's Martin Luther King celebration was "Moving Forward to Keep His Dream Alive." The expression was shared by children, youth and adults - all working together as one to commemorate this special occasion. Young adults, under the supervision of Mrs. Inez Williamson, arrived early Monday morning with their small children. The young adults were excited and looked forward to decorating the multipurpose room where the celebration would soon take place. The students spent time planning and preparing for the guests who would be attending the event. With the help and support of Mrs. Williamson the students' menu consisted of homemade greens, barbecue chicken, and pepper steak. BRLC volunteers furnished homemade beef stew, chili beans, dessert and beverages. As the guests arrived they were greeted by Mrs. Marcella Broadway. She registered the guests and presented a gift to all who attended. Mrs. Treamenda Caple and Mrs. Joyce Ledbetter were in charge of the celebration activities. Tenth grader Miya Sturdivant of Anson High School served as the Mistress of Ceremony. And, Anson County Athletic Program Director Allen Jackson welcomed all guests who attended this special occasion. A spiritual selection was led by Anson County Department of Social Services Director Mrs. Lula Jackson, and afterward Minister Bejar Brewer, Pastor of Rock Hill Baptist Church in Greensboro provided the opening prayer. Intern Nathan Sikes gave a short review of the progress of BRLC as well as the history. A reflection on the life and legacy of Dr. King was presented by Alton Jackson who is a recent graduate of Anson High School and is presently attending South Piedmont Community College. The reflections from Alton's viewpoint were heartfelt. Under the direction of the Kids Café teachers, the afterschool students led the Pledge of Allegiance to the US flag and also the Christian flag with audience participation. Mr. Derrick Byrd, an afterschool volunteer from the Polkton community who is also from the deaf community, shares sign language with the afterschool children. Several children have learned to sign. Byrd and students shared sign language with the audience. Anson High student Jazyling Brewer, the winner of the I Have a Dream Speech contest last year, performed the speech. Mr. Nelson Jackson and Mr. Jewel Brewer were guest speakers for this annual event. They are both from the Burnsville Community and work faithfully for the success of BRLC. They each were asked to speak on the theme "What They Were Doing as Moving Forward to Keep the Dream Alive." Their messages were motivational and inspirational.

### Mens Industrial League Basketball

Anson County Parks & Recreation is offering Mens Industrial League Basketball. Register as a team, with a minimum of six players and a maximum of 10 players. To register the team you must show check stubs or proofs of employment. This league is for ages 18+. Registration runs through Friday, February 8. You may come to the Parks & Rec Office, located in Little Park at 845 Airport Road in Wadesboro, to register Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. You can also visit the Parks & Rec at their website ([www.co.anson.nc.us](http://www.co.anson.nc.us)), click on "County Services" and look for "Parks and Recreation") and fill out a registration form and send it in by email or text. For more information contact Jeff Waisner at (704) 695-2550.

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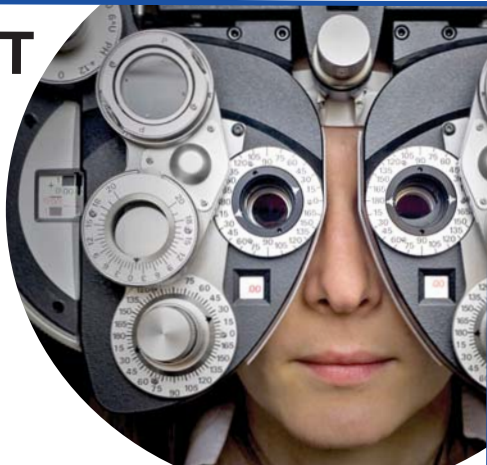


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