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Children lead the way during march



BY TEVIN STINSON
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Following the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Prayer breakfast at the Benton Convention Center, more than 100 people put on their walking shoes and marched through the streets of downtown Winston-Salem in honor of the civil rights icon.

The march, which was hosted by the Ministers' Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity (MCWSV), has become a King Day tradition for residents in the city.

And despite blistering cold temperatures, this year's event was bigger than ever.

While the march usually always draws a large crowd of clergy, elected officials and adults, what turned the tide this year

was an overwhelming number of children and teens.

"This is going to be most amazing march yet because we have so many young people joining us. I think it's going to be awesome," Bishop Todd Fulton told The Chronicle before the march. "I want to thank everyone who participated this year. I couldn't ask for more."

Leading the way during the march, which snaked through the streets of downtown and ended at Union Baptist Church on Trade Street, were the soulful sounds of the Marching Yellowjackets from Carver High School. Behind them were countless signs reading "#StandAgainstHate," "Black Lives Matter," and "No More Lying" that



Photos by Tevin Stinson

Children lead the way and even carry the banner during the Martin Luther King Jr. Day March earlier this week.

(At top) Zeke Wright holds a sign he made himself that reads "No More Lying" during the King Day March on Monday, Jan. 15.

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TRUMP CONTROVERSY

Rep. Adams blasts Trump over slur

BY CASH MICHAELS
FOR THE CHRONICLE

At least one North Carolina congressperson joined a plethora of critics expressing utter outrage over confirmed reports that President Donald Trump, in a meeting with Senate leaders last week, referred to Haiti and African countries as "shithole" nations while expressing disdain for the prospect of more immigrants from those nations coming to the United States.

Trump reportedly expressed a greater interest in seeing people from Norway, an overwhelmingly white country, immigrate to America.

"I am personally offended and appalled by today's comments which are yet another example of President Trump's racist ideologies," said U.S. Rep. Alma Adams (D-12-NC) in a statement Jan. 11 after reports of Trump's vulgar remark hit the fan. "My concern now is solely with the millions of people and our allies who will be impacted by this administration's policies that are clearly driven by racism. These prejudiced beliefs are a betrayal of our American values and tantamount to an abdication of his basic responsibility to represent all Americans."

A spokesperson for Rep. Adams added that she would support a call for the censure of President Trump by Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Rep. Cedric Richmond (D-LA) and Rep. Jerold Nadler (D-NY), expected to be introduced now that Congress is back in session after the MLK holiday.



Adams

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Photos by Tevin Stinson

Hundreds of people, including many elected officials, attend the Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast on what would have been Dr. King's 89th birthday.

King more than a dreamer, speaker says

BY DONNA ROGERS
THE CHRONICLE

As we celebrate the 89th birthday and federal holiday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., we should remember the sacrifices he made to get us where we are today, said the keynote speaker

at the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Prayer Breakfast on Monday, Jan. 15.

The Chronicle and the Ministers' Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity sponsored the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Prayer Breakfast at the Benton Convention Center.

James A. Beaty Jr., senior United States district judge of the United

States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina, said he was a freshman at Western Carolina University when he heard the news on April 4, 1968 that King had been fatally shot. "I was stunned," he said. He said the three emotions he had



Senior U.S. District Court Judge James A. Beaty Jr. delivers the keynote address during the Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast.

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All third-grade teachers to get literacy training

BY TEVIN STINSON
THE CHRONICLE

The local board of education got back to work last week as they held the first meeting of the new year.

The first item up for discussion during the meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 9, was a contract with Education Resource Group LLC (ERG), to provide literacy training on "Teacher Directed



instructional superintendent, said the training will

Reading" and "Guided Reading" to all third-grade teachers in the district.

One of the items on the board's "to do list" is to get third-grade reading scores to 90 percent by 2020. Rusty Hall, district

Reading" and "Guided Reading" to all third-grade teachers in the district.

Currently only 55 percent of all third-graders read at grade level.

"Feeling a sense of urgency, we wanted to see what we could do differently to ensure that we reach these goals. We want to get to that trajectory to where we're going to get to that 90 percent by 2020," Hall said.

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