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(Neb.)-Chadron State Sets Martin Luther King Junior Day Activities



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Photo: Participants of Chadron State College's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Freedom March make their way to the Student Center in January 2012. More than 50 people took part in the annual event, in which participants walk from downtown to campus as King's "I Have a Dream" speech booms from a sound system along the route. (Photo by Justin Haag)

(CHADRON)-Chadron State College is celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday with a panel discussion, the annual march along Main Street, and a celebration with area elementary school students.

The panel discussion, presented by CSC faculty members and others from the nearby community, will focus on Martin Luther King Jr. Day and community service in Chadron. It is scheduled from 11-11:50 a.m. in the Scottsbluff room of the Student Center.

At 1 p.m., marchers will make their way from the corner of Third and Main streets to campus. Members of the CSC community may catch a ride from the Lindeken Clock Tower to the march's starting point by catching a shuttle at 12:45 p.m.

As a change from previous years, marchers will end their trek at Memorial Hall where students from the Chadron elementary schools and others will present a program to celebrate the life and legacy of King. The celebration is expected to begin at 1:15 p.m. and wrap up at 1:45 p.m.

Students and other community members also have the opportunity to see and discuss films about King and the civil rights movement.

From 6-8 p.m., two films, each about 40 minutes long, will be shown. "The Legacy of Rosa Parks" focuses on the legendary Montgomery Bus Boycott while "The Children's March" tells about the youth of Birmingham, Ala., who braved fire hoses and police dogs to bring "segregation to its knees" in 1963.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Day events at CSC are presented by the institution's diversity committee.

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