

**Statue**

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stands, it's just a matter of time before the statue is removed.

The letter to the United Daughters of the Confederacy, owners of the statue, reads; "Owner's primary responsibility is to the residents of the Property who have a right to enjoy a quality living

space without being subjected to disturbances of any kind. Unfortunately, the recent controversy, press reports, and references to potential violence, have raised serious concerns for some of the residents.

"Therefore in order to protect the residents and the Property, the owner cannot allow the Statue to remain on the Property."

# WS/FCS holds district wide science fairs

BY TEVIN STINSON  
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Some of the most inquisitive young minds in our area raised some interesting questions last week as dozens of students came together for the annual district-wide science fairs.

The festivities began on Thursday, Jan. 10 with the Secondary Science Fair at Kaleideum North for middle and high school students. Not to be outdone, on Friday, Jan. 11 it was the elementary students' turn to take center stage. Projects such as "Which Soda Changes the Color of My Teeth the Fastest," "Classical, Talk & Rock:

enjoyed most about her project was finding out how insulin works because a lot of people in her family have diabetes.

"I thought it was really cool how insulin worked and all that," she said. "... It makes me happy that I have gotten this far but I don't care if I win, I'm just happy I did the project."

With her second place finish in the 3rd -5th grade division, Meade and other winners will head to the regional science fair next month. According to David Delade, district director of K-12 science, first, second and third place winners in the 3rd -5th division, and both secondary divisions

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-David Delade-  
District director of k-12 science



Photo by Tevin Stinson

The Secondary Science Fair was held on Jan. 10 at Kaleideum North.

How Music and Talk Radio Affect Plant Growth," "What Removes Stains the Best?" and countless others were on display during the event.

Many of the participants were there for the first time including fifth graders Hialeah Hazel and Ella Meade. Hazel, who attends South Fork Elementary School, said what she enjoyed most about competing in the science fair was explaining her project to the judges. Although it was her first time participating, Hazel said she is looking forward to next year's fair already.

Meade, who took home second place in her division, is a student at Sedge Garden Elementary School. While speaking with The Chronicle before winners were announced, Meade said what she

(middle and high school), advance to regionals for the chance to compete at state.

Before announcing the winners, Delade congratulated all the students on a job well done.

"...Students, you did an amazing job today with your projects. Interviewing, getting everything together and presenting everything; I want you to give yourself a hand," he said. "Just remember, students, if we come out today and maybe you didn't win anything, just keep this in mind that you should always keep questions through methodology and science."

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**Shutdown**

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just an attempt to change our attention away from the numerous impending investigations," she said.

Thompson, the chair of the Homeland Security committee, said the shutdown is taking its toll on workers and government operations.

"It is a challenge for us in Homeland Security. We have 80 percent of the workforce not being paid. That goes from TSA employees in airports, to the Coast Guard, to the Secret Service, to Custom Border Protection individuals, and all of those individuals who have sworn to keep us safe, are not being paid," Thompson said.

"That's not fair and we are compromising our national security strategy by reducing the morale of the employees."

On Saturday, Jan. 12, the shutdown entered its 22nd day, a record.

NBC News and other outlets estimate that 800,000 federal employees are furloughed or working without pay because Trump and Congress cannot reach a deal to reopen the government.

They are at an impasse over \$5.7 billion for construction of a wall along the southern border.

The number of furloughed employees does not include federal contractors, according to a report by NBC News.

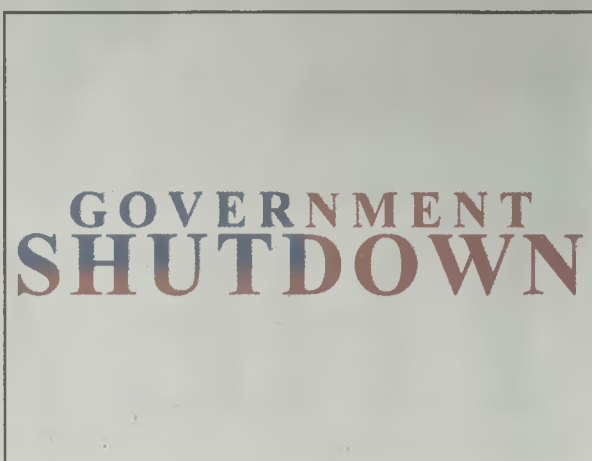
It's unclear how many contract or grant employees are affected by the shutdown — or even how many there are in total — but a Volcker Alliance report estimated that nearly 5.3 million worked as contractors in 2015.

Unlike furloughed federal employees, who have received assurances that they will be paid once the shutdown ends, contractors are not owed back pay and that has left them in an even murkier economic position.

his wall. That process will take years. This is further evidence that this is a fake crisis and, in my opinion,

Further, communities of color are probably the hardest hit by the shutdown, said Lee, who co-chairs the Steering and Policy committee and serves on the House Committee on Appropriations.

Black people comprise 12 percent of the country's



population but are 18 percent of the federal workforce, according to the Partnership for Public Service.

"We know that communities of color are disproportionately affected by this irresponsible Trump government shutdown. And today is especially painful for so many workers because it should be payday," Lee said.

Without these paychecks, many federal workers are hanging on by a thread, she said.

"I know there are hundreds of thousands of families out there who are grappling with the anxiety, and really fear, of not being able to pay the bills as this shutdown drags on.

"Let's be very clear: what's happening here is President Trump is holding this government hostage and holding people hostage in order to get his useless, wasteful wall," Lee said.

# Preparing for the classroom

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Kaleideum North, formerly SciWorks, located at 400 W. Hanes Mill Road, was transformed into a one-stop shop for everything Kindergarten last Saturday as hundreds of parents, students, teachers, principals, administrators, and other educators came together for Countdown to Kindergarten.

The event hosted by Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools is part of the district's Ready, Set, K! program, which is designed to ease the process for parents and students when preparing for the transition from Pre-K to kindergarten or to the classroom for the first time. The event on Saturday, Jan. 12, included several different sta-

istrators from our schools, as well as district and community representatives," Osbourne said.

Along with informational sessions on how and when to register, transportation options, and immunization information, representation from every school in the district was also on hand to answer any questions parents may have.

"I think this is a awesome event. Before today I had a lot of questions about the process and most of those questions have been answered," said Janet Wilcox while visiting the various vendors last weekend. "This eases the mind a lot. I'm glad the district is doing what they can to help parents and students."

Students had activities to enjoy at the Countdown to Kindergarten event as well, including opportunities to



Photo by Tevin Stinson

Countdown to Kindergarten draws large crowd.

tions for parents and students.

According to Vanessa Osbourne, transition coordinator for WS/FCS, "This event marks the beginning of the enrollment process for children who will be five on or before August 31, 2019. It is a way for families and their children to experience a bit of what school will be like, from the bus ride to the lunch line and on to the classroom. It's a great way to meet and chat with teachers and admin-

board a school bus, go through a practice lunch and nap time, explore the exhibits at the museum, and the chance to meet Ready Freddy, the Countdown to Kindergarten mascot.

For more information on Countdown to Kindergarten, or the Ready, Set, K! Program, contact Vanessa Osbourne at (336) 748-4000, ext. 34245 or Kelley Bendheim at (336) 341-0539.

# New principal chosen for Lowrance Middle School

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Samantha Manning will be the new principal at Lowrance Middle School.

Manning has served as principal at The Children's Center since 2016. Prior to that appointment, she served as an assistant principal at Cash, Kernersville, and Walkertown Elementary Schools starting in 2010. Manning started her career with WS/FCS in 2000 working in the Exceptional Children's Department. During that time, she served in multiple roles including EC Resource Teacher, Process Specialist, Case Manager, and Core Team Member.

Manning earned a bachelor's degree from High Point University and a master's degree in special education from Appalachian State University.

Manning replaces Peggy Dickey who resigned at the end of 2018.

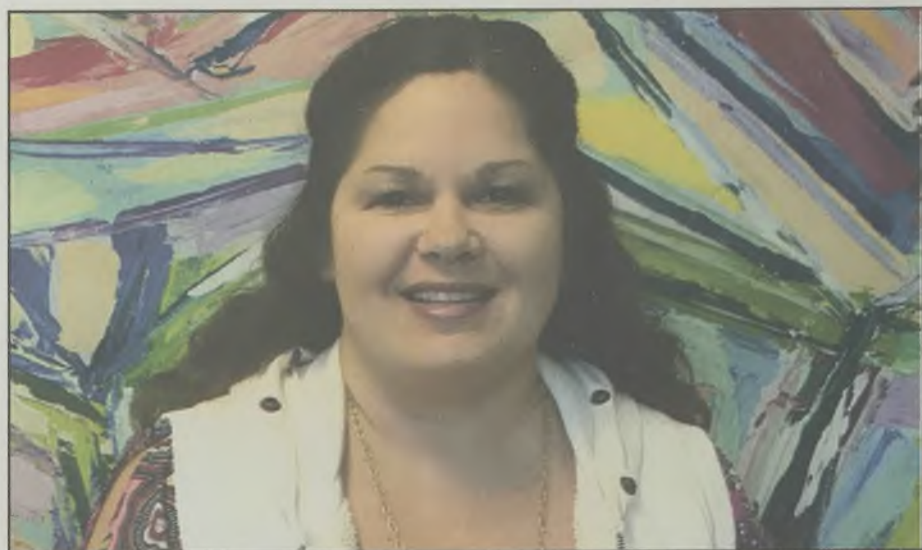


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Samantha Manning, new Lowrance principal.

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