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SW Guidance Center director talks about state's new mental health plan

By ROBERT FRANK
The new mental health plan for North Carolina, which will be implemented in 2014, is a significant step forward in addressing the state's mental health needs, according to the director of the Southwest Guidance Center.

Robert Frank, director of the Southwest Guidance Center, spoke at a recent meeting of the state's mental health advisory board. He discussed the new plan, which is a result of a multi-year effort by the state's mental health community.

The plan, which is being developed by the Department of Health and Human Services, will focus on providing a continuum of care for individuals with mental health conditions. This includes early intervention, crisis services, and long-term treatment and recovery services.

Frank noted that the plan is a significant step forward in addressing the state's mental health needs. He said that the plan will help to reduce the stigma associated with mental health conditions and will provide a more coordinated and effective system of care.

The plan is being developed in partnership with the state's mental health community, including the Southwest Guidance Center, the North Carolina Psychiatric Institute, and the North Carolina Institute of Mental Health. The plan is expected to be implemented in 2014.

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Rice Department taking sign-ups for Nerve Day Camp
The Rice Department is currently accepting sign-ups for Nerve Day Camp. This is a two-day camp for children ages 8-12. The camp is designed to help children learn about safety and self-defense. The camp is held at the Rice Department's training facility. Sign-ups are being accepted until May 20. For more information, call 703.442.1000.

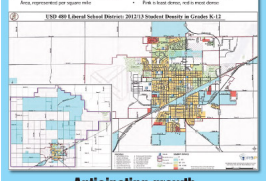
Grain truck swerves to miss camper



Grain truck swerves to miss camper
A grain truck swerved to miss a camper van on a road in the Southwest region. The truck was traveling in the same direction as the camper. The driver of the truck was not injured. The camper driver was not injured. The incident occurred on May 15, 2013.

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4-44 announces Summer Fun program, kicks off with tubing at Aldridge
The 4-44 Chapter is announcing the Summer Fun program. The program is a series of events designed to help children have fun and learn about safety. The first event is tubing at Aldridge. The event is on May 18, 2013. For more information, call 703.442.1000.



Anticipating growth
Demographers expect school district to see what lies ahead. The Southwest region is expected to experience significant growth in the coming years. This growth is expected to be driven by an increasing birth rate and a decreasing death rate. The region is also expected to attract more people from other parts of the state and other countries. This growth is expected to have a significant impact on the region's economy and infrastructure. The Southwest region is expected to be one of the fastest-growing regions in the United States in the coming years.

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City still has miles to go through its tree program
The City of Concord is still in the process of implementing its tree program. The program is designed to help improve the city's air quality and provide shade for residents. The city has planted several trees in the past few years, but there is still a long way to go. The city is currently accepting applications for tree grants. For more information, call 703.442.1000.

TREES AVAILABLE
A variety of trees are available for purchase from the City of Concord. The trees are available in various sizes and species. For more information, call 703.442.1000.