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

By ROBERT FRYER
The new mental health plan for North Carolina, unveiled last week, is a landmark document that will reshape the way the state approaches mental health care, according to the director of the state's largest mental health provider.

Robert Fryer, director of the Southwest Guidance Center, said the plan, which was developed by a coalition of state agencies, is a "game-changer" for the state's mental health system. The plan calls for a shift from a focus on hospital-based care to a focus on community-based care, including crisis intervention, case management, and supported employment.

Fryer said the plan also calls for a significant increase in funding for mental health services, particularly for crisis intervention and case management. He said the plan is a "bold step" towards creating a more integrated and effective mental health system for North Carolina.

Grain truck swerves to miss camper

By JEFFREY W. HARRIS
A grain truck swerved to miss a camper on a highway in the western part of the state Tuesday, according to a police report.

The incident occurred on I-85 near the town of Mooresville. The grain truck, which was traveling in the westbound lanes, swerved into the shoulder to avoid a camper that had pulled out in front of it.

The camper driver was not injured, but the truck sustained damage to its front end. The grain truck driver was also uninjured but was taken to the hospital for observation.



Grain truck swerved to miss camper on I-85 near Mooresville Tuesday. The truck sustained damage to its front end, and the camper driver was not injured. The grain truck driver was taken to the hospital for observation.

Anticipating growth

By ROBERT FRYER
The number of students ready to start kindergarten in each of the 10 counties in the western part of the state is expected to rise significantly in the next few years, according to a report from the state's largest school district.

The report, which was released by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) district, shows that the number of students ready to start kindergarten in each of the 10 counties is expected to increase by between 10% and 20% over the next five years.

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A map showing the 10 counties in the western part of the state. The map is color-coded to show the projected increase in the number of students ready to start kindergarten in each county over the next five years.