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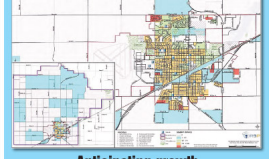
SW Guidance Center director talks about state's new mental health plan

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 task force led by Gov. Pat McCrory, is a "game-changer" for the state's mental health system. The plan calls for a major expansion of community-based mental health services, including a new network of community mental health centers across the state.

Fryer said the plan also calls for a major expansion of the state's mental health workforce, including a new training program for mental health workers. The plan also calls for a major expansion of the state's mental health services for children and adolescents, including a new network of community mental health centers for children and adolescents.

Grain truck swerves to miss camper



By JEFFREY H. WATSON
A large grain truck swerved to miss a white camper van on a road in the western part of the state on Tuesday. The truck, which was carrying a large load of grain, was traveling in the same direction as the camper van. The driver of the truck, who was not identified, said he was trying to avoid a collision with the camper van. The camper van driver, who was not identified, said he was driving slowly and was not aware of the truck's presence until it was too late.



Anticipating growth

By ROBERT FRYER
The number of students ready to start kindergarten in Charlotte is expected to rise significantly in the coming years, according to a report released by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) board of trustees. The report, which was released last week, shows that the number of students ready to start kindergarten in Charlotte is expected to rise from 10,000 in 2012 to 12,000 in 2015. This increase is due to a combination of factors, including a rise in the birth rate and a decline in the number of students who are out of school.

Demographer gives school board data on what lies ahead

By ROBERT FRYER
The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) board of trustees is expected to receive a report from a demographer that will provide data on what lies ahead for the district's schools. The report, which was prepared by the firm of Demographic Research, Inc., will provide the board with information on the district's population, including the number of students, the number of teachers, and the number of staff. The report will also provide information on the district's demographics, including the number of students who are Hispanic, African American, and white. The board is expected to meet on Tuesday to discuss the report and to make recommendations on how to address the district's needs.