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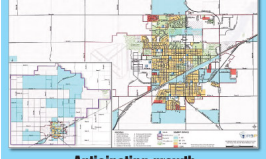
SW Guidance Center director talks about state's new mental health plan

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 shift from a focus on hospitalization 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 "major step" toward creating a more integrated and effective mental health system in North Carolina.

Grain truck swerves to miss camper



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

The incident occurred on Thursday, May 16, 2013, at approximately 10:30 a.m. on U.S. Highway 101 near the intersection of State Road 101 and State Road 101. The grain truck, a white Kenworth model, was traveling eastbound on Highway 101. The camper, a white Jayco model, was parked on the shoulder of the road.

The truck swerved to the right to avoid the camper, which was parked in the middle of the road. The driver of the truck, a 35-year-old male, was not injured. The camper driver, a 45-year-old male, was also not injured. The truck driver was cited for driving on the shoulder of the road.

Anticipating growth

Demographer gives school board data on what lies ahead

By JEFFREY W. HARRIS
A demographer has provided data to the school board that suggests a significant increase in student enrollment over the next several years, which will require additional classroom space and resources.

The data, provided by the North Carolina Center for Public Policy Research, shows that the number of students in the district is expected to grow by approximately 15% over the next five years. This growth is primarily driven by an increase in the number of students in the youngest age groups.

The school board is currently reviewing the data and considering options for addressing the projected enrollment increase. These options include expanding existing classrooms, building new classrooms, and exploring alternative educational models.