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Health care bill faces new foe

BY ELIOT DUKE
Staff Writer

Health care reform may now be the law of the land, but more than a dozen states aren't willing to give up the fight just yet.

Five members of North Carolina's congressional delegation sent a letter to attorney general Roy Cooper on Wednesday asking him to join 14 other states who are challenging the constitutionality of the new health care reform bill President Barack Obama signed into law

Find more on the impact of the Health Care Reform Bill in Saturday's Times.

earlier in the week. Rep. Howard Coble (R-NC) is joined by representatives Virginia Foxx, Walter Jones, Patrick McHenry and Sue Myrick in supporting legal action against the new bill.

"We think it is important to have Attorney General Cooper join this effort," Coble said in a press release. "This new law appears to be unconstitutional in

our opinions, and we think the courts will concur. We do not think North Carolina should stand on the sidelines while other states pursue this legal challenge."

North Carolina joins Florida, Texas, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, North Dakota, South Dakota, Alabama, Nebraska, Utah, Oklahoma, Virginia, Missouri, Idaho and Washington as states who feel the new health care bill will hurt small business, job creation and families as costs rise over the next 10 years.

"The Constitution gives the federal government the authority to regulate interstate commerce, but this legislation goes far beyond that power," the letter states. "An individual is not engaged in interstate commerce if he decides not to purchase the insurance, and compelling him to make such a purchase is beyond the bounds of the interstate commerce clause."

At the core of the opposition is whether or not the federal gov-

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Incentives approved for Project Combined

BY ERIN WILTGEN
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In a continued effort to spur economic development in the area, the Davidson County Board of Commissioners approved the incentive package for Project Combined, an unidentified company that is considering setting up business in Lexington.

The county has been working with the company on a weekly basis for the past six months. Steve Gooze, executive director of the Davidson County Economic Commission, said the company will commit to an investment of \$3 million — down from the original \$5 million — and create about 150 jobs.

"The project will stimulate the economy, increase the county tax base and thus increase tax revenues," Gooze said.

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LIVING HISTORY

Fair Grove Elementary School student Colby Loman depicts stunt motorcycle rider Robbie Knievel during the school's wax museum exhibit Wednesday. See Story, Page 3.

Chief Insley brings welcomed changes to TPD

BY ELIOT DUKE
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When new Thomasville Chief of Police Jeff Insley came to town last August he was like a rider in the night. No one knew much about him and he was coming to a police department where changes at the top happened about once a decade and usually involved someone from within moving up the ladder.

In other words, Insley was an outsider. Eight months later, Insley is settling in as chief of police and his "weird" ways of doing things are ushering Thomasville Police Department towards a new era of openness, wellness and accessibility.

"It's an adjustment period," Insley said. "I did not come up through the ranks here and officers didn't know me. They had to get a feel for me and my particular style. I'm a little different and it's something to get used to. I've been very pleased with the reception and the willingness of the guys to give me and the direction we're going a chance."

If Insley has been doing anything during

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County to apply for transportation grant

BY ERIN WILTGEN
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The Davidson County Board of Commissioners approved a Community Transportation Grant application for administrative reimbursements to the Davidson County Transportation Department.

The grant would essentially cover the current administrative expenses of the system, including the salaries of the staff, administrative supplies, vehicle insurance, phones and office supplies, says Transportation Manager George Hodges. The state would provide about \$210,000 and the county would match 15 percent, or around \$32,522.

At the meeting's public hearing, citizens who use the current County-

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— Marie Myers
County resident

offered transportation system rose to speak their peace.

"We at senior services are very much aware that transportation is one of the most expensive services you can provide," said Lamar Moore, a volunteer at Senior Services. "And yet it is one of the most needed. Our communities have so many seniors

that live alone, that are handicapped, that are entirely dependent on the county transportation."

Other individuals who use the service to get meals at the Denton Nutrition Site told commissioners how the system helped them get the food they need.

"I would be at home without a way to go to places if I did not have the transportation," said Marie Myers.

Myers also says that the transportation has provided a sense of community she wouldn't otherwise have.

"We have such great fellowship that we would miss if we had to stay at home and not see one another," she said.

The grant will also help cover an in-

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Thomasville Police Chief Jeff Insley stands in front of the police memorial Tuesday.

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