

THE HEALTH of LEE COUNTY 2008



For many people, this has felt like a fairly tough year. Gas prices shot up, the stock market shot down and we hear nothing but doom and gloom on the evening news.

But what's the truth?

Do we need intensive care, as reports often make it seem, or has our real condition been blurred by the full-blown hyperbole of a bitter national election and 24-hour news cycle?

Our now-notorious economic tag team returns for another fast-paced,

90-minute diagnosis.

CEO Charles Hayes of the Research Triangle Regional Partnership and Director Bob Heuts of Lee County Economic Development will examine

the most recent facts, figures and trends.

This year, they focus even more on Lee County — to place our local condition in

context with our region, nation and recent past.

Plus, they'll consider what recent improvements in our community will mean in the near future.

You won't want to miss Lee's annual checkup!

Thursday
December 4
noon
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Chef Paul's Café
& Catering
Sanford

A QUICK LOOK BACK

... where we stood last year

On the Economy... "Ho hum" is how we described an economy showing a fairly-steady, 5.6 percent unemployment rate and not much change in taxable sales, either. Who wouldn't want to hear that "ho hum" news once again?

On Labor ... Surprise! Despite dire predictions, the proportion of people working in manufacturing actually rose from 36 to 39 percent, after posting a 33 to 36 percent gain the previous year. Has that trend continued?

On Education ... After disappointing news in '06, results were promising with Lee schools topping its region in the percentage of schools making "annual yearly progress" and CCCC meeting or exceeding all performance measures.

On the Quality of Life ... Life was looking up, with the announcement of major investments in Central Carolina Hospital and that pesky crime rate inching lower.

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