



If you believe murmurs on the street about our tough economy, you might be tempted to think life has never been worse. But we all know better — from the facts and, for many of us, from our own experience.

So, what is the reality?

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Hayes & Heuts, our economic professionals, return once again for their annual diagnosis.

CEO Charles Hayes of the Research Triangle Regional Partnership and Director Bob Heuts of Lee County Economic Development will present and analyze the most recent

facts, figures and trends. Is our economy truly as bad as it seems? And, even if it is, what about things like education, the arts and crime? Is the ever-fluctuating economy our only measure of health?

You'll want to be on hand to see if we're facing more difficult times ahead or if Lee County's already on the road to recovery.

A QUICK LOOK BACK

... where we stood last year

On the Economy... An 8.2 percent unemployment rate was already kindling fear, though other numbers, including taxable sales, weren't as bad as everyone believed.

On Labor ... The sky is falling! Or, at least, that had been the cry for manufacturing. But not in Lee, where the lucrative sector still employed 37 percent of our workforce.

On Education ... After disappointing statistical assessments of our schools in '06 and phenomenal results in '07, the state-mandated standard measures of progress leveled off and held their own.

On the Quality of Life ... It was a mixed bag, with the Temple's Black Box Theatre not opening as planned, but that pesky crime rate down 43 percent from six years before.

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