

# briefs & announcements

## CORRECTIONS

In the Dec. 10/Jan. 11 issue, we bungled the name of former Chatham County Commissioner Tom Vanderbeck, for which we apologize.

Also, in R.L. Taylor's column criticizing the University of North Carolina School of Journalism and Mass Communications, we omitted from his bio that he is a 1952 graduate of the UNC School of Journalism, the first year it was a School. Prior to that it had been a Department.

## DISPATCHES

### Chatham Commissioners kill plans for landfill

The Chatham County Board of Commissioners has voted to end plans to build a landfill in Chatham County. Preserve Chatham County, an environmental and agricultural group which turned out in force at the January 18 Commission meeting to denounce the plans, rejoiced at the 3-0 vote. They promised to partner with the county in finding an environmentally friendly solution to solid waste disposal.

The landfill would have occupied a minimum of 400 acres.

Commissioner Walter Petty said that the county does not have the money to build a landfill and that there's no need to rush into something that might not be a good idea in the long run.

Said Chairman Brian Bock, "This is one area where I've changed my mind. Maybe we can lead the way on some of these other alternatives."

### Superior Court moves into old library

Chatham County Superior Court will now be in session in a new location — the old Pittsboro Memorial Library at 158 West St. The court had been occupying the basement of the county's agricultural building since the fire that gutted the Chatham County Courthouse last March.

The front of the library has been totally remodeled and now features a judge's bench, witness stands, jury box, bar and a gallery for up to 80 people. The redesign meant removing some walls and adding others; creating space that has all the necessary features of a small courthouse. Superior Court Judge Allen Baddour has office space; his office in the old courthouse was destroyed in the fire. There is office space for the judicial assistant, a room for the jury pool, a jury deliberation room, and a holding cell for prisoners.

"It's a fully functioning courthouse," said Taylor Hobbs, an architect whose

firm, Hobbs Architects, redesigned the library.

When the new justice facility is completed and the old courthouse is rebuilt, Superior Court will move out of the old library building. Then the county intends to use it for offices for its technology department.

## BRIEFS

### Chatham hosts first Creative Economy Summit

The Chatham County Economic Development Commission (EDC) will host a "Creative Economy Summit" along with several Chatham arts organizations on Saturday, March 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Silk Hope Community Center in Silk Hope. Linda Carlisle, North Carolina's Secretary of Cultural Resources, has been invited to be the keynote speaker at the event.

Artists, business leaders, public officials, and a wide array of businesses and individuals engaged in the fast-growing Creative Economy sector, will gather for the launch of a Strategic Marketing Campaign that will put Chatham squarely in the Triangle as a unique destination for the cultural arts.

After the summit, Pittsboro will host an afternoon of festivities in its historic downtown district starting at 3 p.m. The spring afternoon will be filled with indoor and outdoor music, street theater, and promotional offerings at local stores and restaurants. At 5 p.m. a Wine and Cheese Reception will be held at The General Store Café in Pittsboro. A Chatham Creatives Showcase Dinner will follow, with entertainment and a digital showcase of local art. A short stroll away, the Davenport Winkleperry Gallery and Coffee House will host a Steampunk Dance Party from 9 p.m. — midnight.

Submissions are being sought from graphic designers and artists from the area, to create a new logo that will provide a cohesive identity to all the myriad of cultural arts available here. For a copy of the submission guidelines, please contact carol@hewittpottery.com.

### Citizens' College session set to start

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Citizens' College begins another seven-week session, February 3 through March 17, 6:30 – 9 p.m. Visit [www.chathamcitizens.org](http://www.chathamcitizens.org) or call 919.932.3132.

### Guppy's Grill opens in Wilsonville

Guppy's Grill has opened next to the Wilsonville General Store on Highway 64 in Chatham County. It is currently open Winter hours for counter service from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday thru Saturday. Counter offerings are reminiscent of Southern grills popular during prohibition and automobile expansion.

The counter food is straight forward, and as relationships are built with local farmers and packers, it will feature seasonal North Carolina products (negotiations with Maple View Farms are in the works).

Picnic Baskets and Group Excursion meals are available March 1 through November 1 and are designed for environmentally friendly travel and disposal. For information call 919.434.0384.

### February fun at Chatham Marketplace

On February 13, Chatham Marketplace will be having a special Valentine's brunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Live music from local musician, Joe Woodson, will be featured.

On February 16 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Chatham Marketplace is proud to present Tasting & Tapas. Wines from Tryon Wines will be

highlighted along with delicious food pairings. Registration is required, please call the store to save your spot.

On February 19, local author and foodie, Linda Watson, founder of Cook For Good ([www.cookforgood.com](http://www.cookforgood.com)), will be giving her class, "Delicious, Thrifty Beans." Please call the store to register.

### Hogan hosts workshop for writers and artists

Judy Hogan, poet and free-lance writer, will be offering her workshop "Lifestyle Support for Writers and Artists" Saturday, February 12, 9 a.m.—4 p.m. at her home in Moncure in Chatham County. The focus will be on all the many ways that writers and artists can reliably get their work done, including managing time, money, diet, exercise, so as to live in a healthy, self-confident way, with regular time set aside for creative work. In-class exercises will promote problem solving, freeing up creativity, and setting and attaining goals. Coffee, lemon grass tea, and homemade bread will be provided. Participants are asked to bring dishes to share in a pot-luck lunch.

The day-long workshop costs \$50. Those interested may contact Judy by phone 919.545.9932 or email: [judyhogan@mindspring.com](mailto:judyhogan@mindspring.com)

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