

# briefs & announcements

## dispatches

### Organic flour project wins CFSA \$80,000

Pittsboro's Carolina Farm Stewardship Association has been awarded more than \$80,000 from Santa Fe Natural Tobacco Co. to fund a project to create a North Carolina-branded organic bread flour and promote further adoption of organic farming practices.

The "Organic Farming Transition Project" will work with farmers and local bakeries over the next two years.

"We can create a strong and sustained effort to help more farmers in economically distressed communities move into the growing organic market," said Roland McReynolds, CFSA executive director.

CFSA is a non-profit association of farmers, gardeners and consumers. Santa Fe Natural Tobacco Co., based in Santa Fe, N.M., has manufacturing

and distribution operations in Oxford.

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### Attention to all animal lovers

Lynn Mitchell founded and runs Finish Line Foundation, which helps rescue abused horses and assists with equine needs. Due to current medical problems, Mitchell has been unable to work to support the foundation and recently her daughter passed away. Members of the community, including Blue Sky Equestrian in Pittsboro, are getting the word out that one of our own can use our help. The foundation's horses need feed, hay forage and Well Solve by Purina. Donations are tax-deductible and can be dropped off at Blue Sky, 67 Hillsboro Street, or mailed to Lynn Mitchell, 659 Lonnie Fields Road, Bear Creek, NC 27207. Call Michele at Blue Sky with questions (545.0054).

PetSmart Charities recently awarded Chatham Animal Rescue and Education (C.A.R.E.) a \$7,400 grant for its "Lillie's Fund" to perform spay/neuter operations. Lillie's Fund altered 190 dogs and cats in 2006 and 30 in 2007. C.A.R.E.'s goal for fiscal year 2008 is to decrease Chatham's dire pet overpopulation by sterilizing 365 animals. Go to [www.chathamanimalrescue.org](http://www.chathamanimalrescue.org) for details.

### Fourth Annual Reindeer Run

Active Chatham will host the 4th annual Reindeer Run/Walk on the CCCC Campus in Pittsboro 8 a.m. on Saturday, December 13.

Active Chatham is a coalition highlighting the importance of physical activity for a healthy lifestyle. Race proceeds will be used to enhance facilities for physical activity in Chatham. Past projects include playground equipment and shade trees at Kiwanis Park and a kiosk and improved boardwalks at Town Lake Park.

Fees for the race are \$22 before December 8 and \$25 on race day. The family one-mile walk is free. For information, call 545.8518.

### ChathamArts Gallery has holiday gifts

As the holiday season approaches, the gallery will showcase a show titled "100 under \$100." This will enable givers new and seasoned to acquire something that is distinctly individual as well as designed and truly "made in the USA." The show runs through December 31.

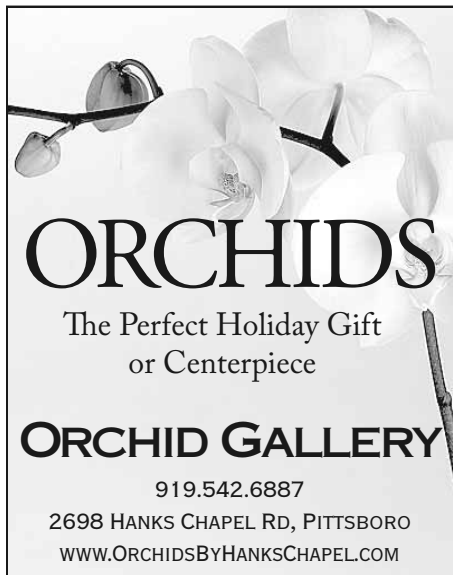
### Mina Bean's booking parties

Mina Bean's is now booking for holiday office parties and meetings. Meeting space is free with catering. Catering orders available for pick up. Extended hours. Call 919.663.3266.

### Woods Charter Arts Festival

Woods Charter School, 160 Woodland Grove Lane, is hosting the Winterwoods Arts Festival. Shop for holiday gifts from local artisans or create your own. A portion of the proceeds support the school. Saturday, December 6, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information contact Deb Kozlowski at 960.8353 ext. 162, or [woodscharter.org](http://woodscharter.org).

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