



# Chamber Connections

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A Weekly Resource For Warren County Business

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## Email Address Update

The official email address for the Chamber is: [info@warren-chamber.org](mailto:info@warren-chamber.org)

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## Upcoming Member Events

## What I'm Thankful For...

Warren County, we have many treasures to be thankful for...



Good Morning! Well, with Christmas just a few days away there's not much news to pass along so this week's newsletter is going to be brief.

You know, it seems that the greatest lessons I learn in life come at times where I'm not really **trying** to learn anything...and yesterday was no different.

After a somewhat unpleasant surprise first thing (no worries, it was nothing important) I found myself in a very un-Christmas-like mood. As I left to do my weekly radio show for the Chamber on **WARR 1520 AM** I knew something had to change, so I started thinking about all the things here in Warren County that I'm thankful for. We made that the entire topic of the radio show and at 12 Noon my mood had improved incredibly.

So, here are just a few things for which I'm thankful every day...

I'm thankful for the entire **Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce of Warren County** for giving me the opportunity to work with all of our Chamber members. I'm having more fun each day than I've had in years...I'm thankful for the **people of Warren County**. You really are what makes life here so rich. The recent Santa's Christmas List is just one example of your good hearts. The folks at Social Services asked me Monday to thank you all again as I delivered more gifts. Your generosity will make many of our neighbors' Christmas mornings brighter as they open the toys you provided...I'm thankful for the **Warrenton Police, the Norlina Police and our Sheriff's Department**. For such a small number of men and women they seem to blanket our county keeping us safe and doing their jobs with a smile and a personal touch you just can't find in larger cities...I'm thankful for our **Public Works employees**. Leaves, garbage, limbs, road repairs, sign repairs – the list of what they accomplish every week is amazing! I'll never forget how quickly our roads were cleared in last winter's snow storm. No city – Raleigh, Charlotte, Atlanta, Alpharetta, Chapel Hill – where I've ever lived had the streets cleared and passable more quickly...I'm thankful for each and every **Warren County Business & each Chamber Member**. From Charter Members like **Harris Equipment Company, EZ Stor & Inez Forest Industries** to our newest members like **Brain Freeze, Mr. Robert Alston & 1450 AM WIZS in Henderson**, to a person, you've been friendly, helpful and great ambassadors for Warren County. With our solid foundation of businesses and the ideas and

Spending Christmas with  
Friends & Family  
**Merry Christmas!**

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work from **Robert Davie, Blaine Reese, Linda Worth, Ken Bowman & Peggy Richardson** leading our towns, county and Economic Development I just know 2016 will bring new, exciting growth. It may seem slow, but remember, we're eating the elephant one bite at a time.

On behalf of myself, the Chamber of Commerce of Warren County, our wonderful Board of Directors and the many outstanding businesses here in Warren County...Thank You for your support this year and may each and every one of you have a Merry Christmas!

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## Shop Local: Warren Wednesdays

Local Resident Rewards Begin 6 January 2016



Just a quick reminder to set your alarms for Wednesdays beginning in 2016 as Chamber Members and other local businesses make that day a chance for you to save even more with Warren Wednesdays...just by being a resident of Warren County.

Look for the Green "Local is Best" in merchant windows...then, find the counter cards inside listing the business' special that week. Finally, show them you're a Warren County resident and the special is yours.

### Warren Wednesday Specials



We'll have information about each business' specials on our website and on our Facebook page right after the first of the year. Stay tuned for more information from me for all Chamber of Commerce of Warren County members.

If you have any questions, please email me at [info@warren-chamber.org](mailto:info@warren-chamber.org) or call at 252-257-2657.

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## Lakeland Theatre Renovations & Grants

Your Donations Go Even Further



Time for some great news from two outstanding Chamber Members – Lakeland Theatre & Halifax EMC.

Once again, the fine folks at Halifax Electric Membership Corporation have come through to help with this year's enhancement efforts at Lakeland Theatre.

All New Memberships, all increases in Membership Level and all Donations will be matched by Halifax EMC up to

\$10,000! This is to provide see money for the upcoming renovation efforts.

You have a few days left to get that last minute gift of theatre to give as a Christmas present or to make that Tax Deductible donation to The Lakeland Cultural Arts Center, Inc., a 501.c3 Non-Profit corporation. The proceeds will be matched by Halifax EMC and will drive the renovation efforts. Starting in January of 2016, Lakeland will be doing the annual push to enhance the facility. Now that the roofs have been replaced and the external walls have been sealed, they will be starting work on the remaining rooms in the main building.

The first efforts will go towards the dance studio that they often use for parties and events as well as the hallway and the men's bathroom. If you would like to be a part of the effort, contact Ed Duval at Lakeland 252-586-3124.

**Keep those featured business write-ups coming! I received several last week, but we always need more. When you have a few minutes today, please send your advertorial (roughly 200 words) about your business to [info@warren-chamber.org](mailto:info@warren-chamber.org) and I'll help tell your story!**

Remember, we have plenty of businesses here in Warren County that are treasures. The more we support them with our business, the better we'll make our own community.

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## Chamber Project Updates

### Main Street Showcases...

We'll have the first two windows decorated around the first of January as we kick off Main Street Showcases. Still plenty of opportunities for your business to get a "Main Street Presence" in Warrenton and help bring downtown to life!

If you're interested for your business or know someone who would be interested, please contact me at [info@warren-chamber.org](mailto:info@warren-chamber.org) or 252-257-2657.

Once we begin to get visitors noticing all of our storefronts, we can spur interest from new businesses to come to downtown Warrenton.


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## What's Going On

### News from your fellow Chamber Members...

Here's a brief rundown of special offers or events from Chamber member businesses. If you'd like your business or event featured just send me an email with all the relevant information to [info@warren-chamber.org](mailto:info@warren-chamber.org). I'll add it to next week's newsletter.

- **Warren FoodWorks.** As we wind down the year, Warren FoodWorks has some special holiday hours: Wednesday Dec 23 & Thu Dec 24<sup>th</sup> they will be open 9am-3pm. The café will be closed



Dec 25, 26, 30 and 31. Friday, Jan 1 the café will be open 10am-9pm with the WAM (Warren Artists' Market) First Friday Open Mic Night 7pm-9pm.

- **VCU Health Community Memorial Hospital.** Take advantage of their Winter Special and join the area's premiere Medical Fitness Facility. For all new members there is no enrollment fee when you join between now and February 2016. Take a medical fitness approach to your health & wellness to kick off the New Year!
- **Lakeland Theatre Company Spring Vacation Raffle.** They keep us entertained with wonderful plays throughout the year. Here's a chance to help them raise funds for the coming year AND possibly win a Spring Vacation worth \$2,000. Your raffle ticket enters you in a drawing for one week (April 23-30, 2016) at Beachwoods in Kitty Hawk. It's a 3 bedroom condo with tons of extras! Tickets are just \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Drawing to be held December 31, 2015. Call 252-586-3124.