



Chamber Connections

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A Weekly Resource For Warren County Business

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Email Address Update

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Shop Local: Warren Wednesdays

Specials Available This Week

Warren Wednesday Specials



The savings are growing! Remember, each extra dollar we spend locally in Warren County not only helps that business, but it also brings in much needed sales tax revenues to help our 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.

Here are a few of the specials for you to kick things off...

Second Hand Rose Antiques, Main Street Warrenton: Second Hand Rose Antiques: 20% off glass or decorative items and jewelry and a big 50% off select furniture at both locations. Second Hand Rose is at 134 & 136 S. Main Street in Warrenton OR if you happen to be traveling, same discount applies to their Weldon store at Riverside Mill.

Lickskillet Dog Grooming & Kennels: 15% off retail products...chew toys, leashes, collars, harnesses and more.

Futrell Pharmacy, Main Street Warrenton: Buy one QC brand vitamins, get the second of equal or lesser value, half price. Stop by and see Woody, Kim Sherry and Susan AND save \$\$\$.

Quilt Lizzy, Macon Street Warrenton: TBA

Fire House Biscuits & Burgers, Ridgeway Street Warrenton: TBA

Friends Two, Main Street Warrenton: ANYTHING **red** is 10% off. And by the way, if you love cardinals (**red** 😊) you'll find them there...plus they have yarn for your cold-weather projects as well as some beautiful figurines and other items.

Lin's Everything Business, Main Street Warrenton: Every Wednesday is "Copy Day"...10 cents off each copy means B&W are just 15 cents and just 20 cents for Color. This is a great day to get those Church bulletins or club flyers printed.

Warrenton Furniture Exchange, Franklin Street Warrenton: Save 10% off any Troutman Rocker (that's a big \$ savings!). These are the rockers you see on the porches of all the historic hotels.

Norlina Auto Parts, US 1 Norlina: A great fuel injection cleaner, Sea Foam, is only \$7.99! Boyd recommends this highly!

King's Fitness & Nutrition Center, next to Just Save in Warrenton: Fruit & veggie smoothies just \$4.

Warren FoodWorks, Main Street Warrenton: 10% off any coffee, tea or cocoa beverage.

Roost Crossroads Antiques: 30% off any 00 or DP items in the store.

Oakley Hall Antiques, Main Street Warrenton: Save 20% on any items, except "firm" priced and consignment items.
Pete Smith Quick Lube & Tire, Main Street Warrenton: Get 10% off your oil change on Wednesdays!
Warrenton Supply, Main Street Warrenton: Save 10% on all air filters for your furnace. Change yours today and you'll be amazed at how much better the furnace works on these cold nights.
Integritax, Norlina: \$25 off any tax preparation on Wednesdays.
Awesome God Christian Bookstore, Main Street Warrenton: 50% off the limited supply of light blue girls and boys school uniform tops.

One step at a time we can all keep our local businesses healthy by picking them first for our shopping.

If you have any questions, please email me at info@warren-chamber.org or call at 252-257-2657.

Upcoming Member Events

Warren FoodWorks
Friday 12 February
Featuring Steve Hyman
6:30pm – 9:30pm

Lakeland Theatre Co.
Saturday 13 February
"An Evening With Steve Hyman" in the Cabaret
7pm

Robinson Ferry Restaurant
12 – 14 February
Valentine's Weekend Specials
Reservations Recommended

Breakfast With The Candidates
Thursday 18 February
Warren Rural Volunteer Fire Department, Main Street Warrenton
7:30 am – 9:00am

Cherry Hill Piano Concerts
Sunday 21 February
A Piano Celebration

WECHS Spaghetti Dinner
Saturday 27 February
WECHS Cafeteria, Ridgeway St. Warrenton
5:00 pm – 7:00pm

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Chamber Breakfast with the Candidates

Thursday February 18 7:30am - 9:00am

The Chamber of Commerce of Warren County is hosting a "Breakfast with The Candidates" at the Warrenton Rural Volunteer Fire Department on Thursday February 18. This Chamber fundraiser and meet & greet with candidates for Warren County Commission & Board of Education will kick off with breakfast at 7:30.

Then at 8:00 we'll formally introduce the 8 candidates and give you a chance to talk with them and learn more about their vision for the office. Invited to the event are:

County Commissioner – District I (Dem)
Jennifer Jordan
Moore H. Bynum

County Commissioner – District V (Dem)
Walter E. Powell Sr.
Barry Richardson

Warren Co. Board of Education – District 3
Roberta Scott
Aimee Anderson

Warren Co. Board of Education – District 5
Rory Richardson
Barbara Brayboy

Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce of Warren County office at 130 North Main Street in Warrenton. Your \$15 donation will support the Chamber and get you breakfast. You may also pay at the door the day of the event.

Questions? Call Craig at 252-257-2657 or email at info@warren-chamber.org .

The Chamber Featured Business: Looking For Your Story

Tell Everyone What Makes Your Business Special...



As we start another new year, we need to tell the story of our incredible Warren County businesses. If you're a Chamber Member please take a few minutes to send me an email with a recap of your business.

How long have you been in business? Running any specials this week or this month? What products do you carry or services that you offer do very few people know about? In short, it's a chance to advertise your business to more than 800 people reading this email newsletter each and every week.

I'm available at info@warren-chamber.org or via phone at 252-257-2657. 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.

VGCC Food Truck Entrepreneurship Program

Begins Monday 7 March

Vance-Granville Community College will soon offer its Mobile Food Truck Entrepreneurship Workshop Series in Warren County for the first time. This series of courses for entrepreneurs who want to compete in the growing food truck industry is unique in the North Carolina Community College System.

A partnership of VGCC's Small Business Center and Personal Enrichment department, the program will be held in March at the college's Warren County Campus in Warrenton.



Queen Harris, owner/operator of the Chick-n-Que mobile food truck and restaurant in Rolesville, will again serve as the instructor. Harris and her husband have been operating a food truck for more than six years and recently also opened a restaurant. They can also be found each year at the State Fair, serving up North Carolina-raised ostrich burgers among other treats. Harris will help guide participants through the steps of planning, starting and maintaining a food truck or food cart business.

The first class in the series, "**The Art of Food Truck**," will be held on Monday, March 7, from 6 until 9 p.m. This workshop serves as an

introduction to the program and covers the fundamentals of owning and operating a mobile food unit.

“Preparing for Success: Concept and Design” will follow on Monday, March 14, from 6 until 8 p.m. The design of the food unit as well as budgeting and costs are covered in this session.

“Administrative Necessities” is scheduled for Monday, March 21, from 6 until 8 p.m. Participants will learn about federal, state and local regulations, zoning, licenses and permits they will need.

“Marketing for Success: Social Media/Advertising” will conclude the series on Monday, March 28, from 6 until 8 p.m. This session will include a panel discussion with several food truck owners.

After the course is complete, there will be a “Food Truck Rodeo” at the Warren Campus, to which the public will be invited. The date and time are yet to be announced.

The cost of the program is \$55 for the first class. The other three sessions are offered free of charge.

Participants in the program will also be required to sign up as clients of the VGCC Small Business Center, which is free of charge, and to complete the ServSafe food safety certification course. A separate fee of \$74 is charged for ServSafe.

For more information and to register, contact VGCC Small Business Center director Tanya Weary at (252) 738-3240 or smallbusiness@vgcc.edu or Gail Clark at (252) 738-3385 or ped@vgcc.edu.

WECHS Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Here are Your Dinner Plans for 27 February

You know, during these cold February days wouldn't it be nice to get a nice, hot meal AND help our schools? On Saturday, February 27 from 5 – 7 pm the students and faculty of Warren Early College High School are hosting a Spaghetti Dinner to raise funds for their 2016 Prom.

The dinner will be held at the WECHS Cafeteria on the VGCC Campus on Ridgeway Street in Warrenton. You can dine in or take out. Your \$8 ticket gets you spaghetti, salad, bread and a beverage.

Tickets will be sold only in advance from now thru February 23. You can purchase your tickets at the following locations:

- From any WECHS student or staff member
- From the WECHS school office
- From the Chamber of Commerce of Warren County, Tue – Thu from 9am – 4:30pm.

Donations accepted in lieu of ticket purchase...donors will receive a Thank You note to document donation.

Chamber Project Updates

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 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.

Cherry Hill Concerts: Beginning 21 February

"A Celebration of the Piano featuring Dr. Vincent van Gelder"

Concerts at Cherry Hill for the spring series will comprise "A Celebration of the Piano". Featuring the venue's renowned Steinway Concert Grand, pianists will perform a variety of keyboard works during the 2016 spring months.

The initial performance in the series will take place on February 21st beginning at 3:00pm. Dr. Vincent van Gelder will make his first appearance at Cherry Hill. The recipient of numerous awards and rave reviews, van Gelder's performance will feature Beethoven's "Appassionata" Sonata. Also included will be van Gelder's arrangement of a fantasy on the Dance of the Miller by De Falla, two numbers from "Romeo and Juliet" by Prokofiev, Dumka by Tchaikovsky, and three compositions by Franz Liszt: Hungarian Rhapsody No. 3; Etude d'execution transcendant No 11; and the Paganini Etude No. 6

The performance in April will feature a return to Cherry Hill by Mayron Tsong, always an audience favorite.

In May, Dr. Andrew Willis will appear along with some of his most promising graduate students.

The spring celebration will conclude in June with recitals by outstanding piano students in the Department of Music at East Carolina.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, and children 12 and under are free.

If you're looking for more information about these wonderful concerts, visit their website at www.cherryhillconcerts.com.

Preservation Warrenton Virginia Tour

Coming April 1 - 2

Preservation Warrenton invites you to join them for a weekend tour to Montpelier, Monticello & the University of Virginia on Friday 1 April and Saturday 2 April. This exciting 2 day tour will begin with a visit to Montpelier, the home of Founder James Madison on Friday.



Then after a relaxing evening at The English Inn, Saturday begins with a trip to Thomas Jefferson's Monticello. You won't want to miss this Behind The Scene's Tour just for Preservation Warrenton. Afternoon will find you at the University of Virginia, founded by Thomas Jefferson.

Cost is just \$325 per person and includes transportation, admission fees, two lunches, dinner and hotel room. There are only 46 spaces available...first come, first served. Deadline for registration is 21 March with full amount due (non-refundable).


To reserve your space, please call Brooke Holt at 919-357-7145 or email her at bholt7160@gmail.com.

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. I'll add it to next week's newsletter.

- **Robinson Ferry Restaurant.** Wednesday nights mean \$1 off Whiskey, \$12.99 half rack Rib Entrée, \$22.99 full rack Rib Entrée & \$1 off Wings.
- **Warren FoodWorks.** This Friday, 12 February, bring your friends to FoodWorks for local singing legend, Steve Hyman from 6:30 - 9:30.
- **Warren FoodWorks.** Just got this job opportunity from Melissa at FoodWorks: "Seeking reliable farm help in Franklin County. Farm supplies vegetables to Durham Farmer's Market, Wholefoods, and Co-op markets. Please contact Mark Gresham at (919) 497-0104"
- **Lakeland Theatre Company.** In conjunction with The Farrington Foundation, Lakeland presents "An Evening with Steve Hyman" for one night only, Saturday 13 February at 7pm at Lakeland's Cabaret. If you've never heard Steve, you've missed a Warren County treasure! Dinner & the Show are just \$25. For reservations call 252-586-3124 ext. 3.
- **Robinson Ferry Restaurant.** They're getting excited about Valentines Weekend...So excited that they'll be celebrating all weekend Feb 12th-14th. Look forward to special desserts, fine dining dinner specials, and a great selection of amazing BOTTLES OF



WINE for \$20. Plus, they'll be open on Valentine's Day from 12:00pm-3:00pm for our first ever BRUNCH. They're having fun with the menu (breakfast burger: bacon, egg, cheese, on grilled doughnut)...what!?!?!?

The books are filling up, so don't delay on making RESERVATIONS for the weekend.

- **Senator Angela Bryant.** Passing along an invitation I received for Warren County this morning: "Friends: Please join us on Thurs. Feb 18, 6 pm - at the WatersView Restaurant at Lake Gaston to support the re-election of Sen. Angela Bryant - our five term legislator -- in the March 15th Primary !!" to awillingham222@gmail.com or call 442-8659
- **Lakeland Theatre Company & Farrington Foundation.** Especially for St. Patrick's Day join them for "Harrigan's" directed by Jim Hogan. Shows to be held 11 and 12 March at 8pm at Lakeland's Cabaret Stage. Call for reservations at 252-586-3124 ext. 3 or visit LakelandTC.org.
- **Warrenton Quilt Days.** Quilts will be accepted for the April 16-17 show from now thru 1 March at Quilt Lizzy, 110 E. Macon Street in Warrenton. A nominal fee will be charged for each quilt entry.