



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

Run Warrenton Registration...

Register Early for April 25 Race

Registration is underway for Run Warrenton, the third annual spring 5k Race, Run, Walk, Scoot in downtown Warrenton. This year's event will benefit two organizations that assist military service members: the Yellow Ribbon Fund and the Semper Fi Fund.

The inaugural 5k in 2013 honored Warren County native Master Sergeant Cedric King, who lost both legs in 2012 during an explosion while serving with the U.S. Army in Afghanistan. King's mother, Sandra Williams, owner of Awesome God Christian Book Store in Warrenton, spearheaded the event, which has drawn around 250 participants each of the past two years and raised thousands of dollars.

This year's event is on **Saturday, April 25**, prior to Warrenton's annual SpringFest. Registration begins at 8 a.m. at the intersection of Market and Bragg streets, and the race/walk starts at 9 a.m. The registration fee is \$10 per person, and additional donations are accepted. All proceeds are tax-deductible. Checks may be made out to Run Warrenton.



Volunteers are needed to help on event day with registration and traffic control, and sponsors are also sought to help donate bottled water, fruit, energy bars and items for welcome bags.

To register, donate or volunteer, contact Sandra Williams at 252-257-1840, or at Awesome God Christian Book Store, 130 S. Main St., Warrenton. Also, registration forms can be **downloaded from the Warren Record Site** or obtained from Warrenton Town Hall, 133 S. Main St., Warrenton, or by calling 252-257-1122.

Warrenton Quilt Days & Preservation Warrenton Home Tour

April 16 - 17: Where Hospitality is Handmade

Warren County Online
Warren Record Column
Warrenton City Site
Norlina City Site
Warren County Site

Upcoming Member Events

Warren FoodWorks
Friday 1 April
First Friday Main Street Poetry Show
7:00pm – 10:00pm

Warren FoodWorks
Saturday 2 April
Carlos & Mauri Bardales: Classical Strings
7:00pm – 9:00pm

Farmers' Market 2016
Saturday 16 April
Opening Day 8am - Noon
BB&T Parking Lot

Haliwa-Saponi Tribe 51st
Pow-Wow Home Tour
15 - 17 April
Hollister

Warrenton Quilt Days &
Preservation Warrenton
Home Tour
16 - 17 April
Warrenton

Springfest 2016
Saturday 23 April
Historic Courthouse Square
Warrenton
Vendor Applications Here

Run Warrenton
Saturday 23 April



WHERE HOSPITALITY IS HANDMADE
Warrenton Rural VFD on April 16?
From now thru April 15 save \$5 on Home Tour Tickets! You can **buy them here** or I have plenty at the Chamber office at 130 N. Main St. in Warrenton.

We're just over 2 weeks away from the first annual "**Warrenton Quilt Days**" in conjunction this year with a spring tour of 13 historic homes presented by **Preservation Warrenton** April 16-17.

Want to buy tickets for the Preservation Warrenton Home Tour/Peoples' Choice Quilt Exhibits or lunch tickets for Wesley Memorial Methodist Church or the Warrenton Rural VFD on April 16? **From now thru April 15 save \$5 on Home Tour Tickets!** You can **buy them here** or I have plenty at the Chamber office at 130 N. Main St. in Warrenton.

Want to submit a quilt? **Do it here...**

Need to buy your tickets for the 16 April Dinner & Gala at Magnolia Manor Plantation (and get in on a chance to win \$5,000)? **Just one click away...**

Want to find out the speakers' schedule? **Dates and times here...**

Just launched is their brand **new website** with everything you need to know about this upcoming event for Warren County.

Quilts will be on public display in the historic houses and buildings of the town. In conjunction with Preservation Warrenton's biannual Home Tour of 13 homes and buildings Viewer's Choice quilts will be on display for public voting. Admission will be required for the Home Tour and the Cotton Gin.

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...

Cheap Joe's Clothes, Main Street Warrenton: 10% off Women's Prom Dresses and Men's' Bow Ties & Accessories. Perfect timing...stop by this Wednesday!

Friends Two, Main Street Warrenton: ANYTHING **green** is 10% off. I know they have plenty from which to choose.

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.

**Historic Courthouse Square
Warrenton
Registration 8 am**

Lakeland Theatre: Alan
Stallings
**Saturday 23 April
Littleton**

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

Tar Heel Tire, Ridgeway Street Warrenton: Here's another HUGE Warren Wednesday Special from Tar Heel Tire...bring your car or light truck (pickup) in today and get your tires rotated for FREE. Great way to extend the life of your tires.

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 OO or DP items in the store.

The Warren Record: Each Wednesday, for Warren County Residents, get \$5 off **NEW** subscriptions to the Warren Record. This is a huge bargain...reading the Warren Record each week has become a must for me so I know what's happening in our community.

Second Hand Rose Antiques, Main Street Warrenton: 30% off Jewelry this Wednesday. Plenty from which to choose!

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

Pete Smith Quick Lube & Tire, Main Street Warrenton: Get 10% off your oil change on Wednesdays!

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: If you're out and about today, stop by Quilt Lizzy on Macon Street in Warrenton for Warren Wednesday savings! Thread is buy one/get one free just because you live in Warren County.

Fire House Biscuits & Burgers, Ridgeway Street Warrenton: TBA

Oakley Hall Antiques, Main Street Warrenton: Save 20% on any items, except "firm" priced and consignment items.

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.

WARR 1520 AM: Family & Friends Celebration

Bring the Family or Become a Sponsor

WARR 1520AM invites everyone to come celebrate unity, diversity and the community with them! This is an event sure to bring everyone together.

Saturday, April 2 from 11am – 4pm bring your family and friends to The Warren County Recreation Center on the 158 Bypass.

This celebration includes:

- A prayer walk for kidney disease awareness
- VGCC Food Truck Rodeo...plenty of great food to eat

- Activities for the entire family
- And abundance of vendors...plus,
- LIVE musical performances from: Jerry Harrison of Rocky Mount; The Loving Sisters from Roxboro; The New Christianland Singers from Louisburg; O'Lando Hughes from Blackstone, VA; Almeida Worth from Warrenton and Khyre Jamaal from Raleigh

If you're interested in last minute sponsorship and vendor opportunities, please contact Latarsha Turner-Brothers via email at newlifeofwellness@gmail.com .

This day of fun is brought to you by Tar Heel Tire Sales & Services, Fire House Biscuits & Burgers, Baskerville Body Shop, Warrenton Insurance Agency and WARR 1520 AM – Where The Community Comes Together.

H & R Block Tax Return Special

If you had another firm prepare your tax return in 2015, switch your tax return to H&R Block this year and pay Half Price of what you paid someone else last year. H&R Block guarantees the accuracy of every return prepared by H&R Block professionals.

You'll just need to bring your 2014 Federal Income Tax Return along with the receipt for your payment for tax preparation. The minimum charge is \$100. This offer expires March 31.

Warren County Junior Firefighters Vendors Opportunities Available for the Upcoming Competition

The **WARREN COUNTY JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER COMPETITION 2016** is currently accepting applications for **VENDORS** for its annual family-friendly event. The Competition is attended by well over 500 firefighters, parents, supporters, and spectators; and with junior firefighters from across the southeast and beyond!

The annual Competition is hosted by the **Warren County Junior Firefighters | Fire Explorer Post 672** and is their primary fundraiser of the year. They use the proceeds to cover the costs of attending training, competitions, and conferences which runs into the thousands of dollars per year.

VENDORS & EXHIBITOR SPACE – This event continues to grow year after year. Booth sizes are approximately 10'x20' but we can accommodate larger vendor trailers, food trucks, fire apparatus, and emergency vehicles currently at no additional costs. Check the *Sponsorship & Vendor Registration Form* for specific details about becoming an event Vendor.

DONATIONS – We need donations of items to be used as door prizes and items to be raffled off. Examples of fire & emergency services related items include: flashlights, gloves, hats, helmets, hoods, knives & multipurpose tools, pocket tools, shirts, etc., and items appropriate for teenagers such as cameras, electronics, games, gift cards, music, sporting goods, etc. These donations help to make this event more exciting and fun for the junior firefighters.

We also give each participating junior firefighter team a **Team Welcome Bag** which contains event information. Also included are freebies and giveaways from businesses like yours. Items included from previous years include: balloons, brochures, catalogs, coupons, flyers, Frisbees, hats, magazines, note pads, pens & pencils, samples, shirts, and stress balls. Check the *Sponsorship & Vendor Registration Form* for specific details about the Team Welcome Bag.

For more information contact: WarrenCoJrFirefighters@hotmail.com or (252) 820-0513 (voice or text).

Warrenton Rotary Club Scholarships

\$500 available



A college education can be expensive and most of us need every bit of help available for our children. If you have a child heading for college in the Fall, please make sure that you talk with their school counselor about the Warrenton Rotary Club Scholarships. They have all of the information.

The Warrenton Rotary Club has focused on service to our community for more than 75 years. Their annual scholarship program is designed to help offset the costs of higher education. In 2016 they will award two, \$500 scholarships.

Best of luck to all those who apply!

Warren Record Special Spring Home Improvement Section

Ads Included in 6 Newspapers in NC & VA

Do you own a Home Improvement Business? Then check out this below from the Warren Record and help your target customers find you...

Spring means lots of homeowners starting home improvement projects. Put your business in front of these consumers with

advertising in a Home Improvement Section and reach more than 59,000 readers in 6 newspapers across northern NC and Southern VA! On April 20 The Warren Record and The Lake Gaston Gazette-Observer in conjunction with other company-owned papers will publish this special section.

Advertisers need to reserve your space by April 11. They are offering 6 newspapers at a GREAT PRICE.

Full page	(9.78" x 10")	\$400
½ page	(vertical or horizontal)	\$200
¼ page	(4.78" x 5 ")	\$100
1/8 page	(4.78" x 2.5")	\$ 50

Advertise in color for only \$100 more per ad. This special section will also be available online for bonus advertising exposure for your business!

Call Sonya today at 252-257-3341 or email at ads@warrenrecord.com.

Warren County Cattlemen's Association Scholarship Program

Deadline to Apply 30 April 2016...

The purpose of the scholarship is to assist students in furthering their education with priority given, but not limited to, the field of agriculture or agriculture-related business.

Previous recipients of the scholarship must maintain a 2.5 grade average in order to reapply for another year. The applicant should be an individual in the senior year of high school or currently in college having completed high school with no extended break in his/her formal education. All applicants must be residents of Warren County and attending or planning to attend a North Carolina accredited college, community college or technical institute. Studies must be beyond the high school level.

Be sure that you have filed an application for admission to the 4-year accredited North Carolina college(s) or community college or technical school of your choice and be certain to arrange to take the College Entrance Examination Board Scholastic Aptitude Test and other appropriate entrance examinations which may be required by each institution to which you seek admission. It is the nominee's responsibility to make all arrangements for college admission.

Two scholarships in the amount of \$1000.00 each will be awarded to nominees with good high school records of achievement and a desire to further their education. In addition to academics, a student's

involvement and accomplishments in the community, youth organizations, and work experience will be considered.

To obtain more information or a scholarship form, please contact: Warren County Cattlemen's Association, Post Office Box 801, Warrenton, NC 27589 or call Kent Daeke at 252-456-2694.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE ASSOCIATION BY APRIL 30, 2016.

You may also download an application from their [Dropbox](#) here.

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.

Warren FoodWorks: Bulk Beef & Pork

Warren County Raised Beef & Pork For Sale

Hungry for top-quality, pasture raised Angus beef & Heritage pork from Warren County farmers? Warren FoodWorks is accepting orders for quarter cows and half pigs until April 5.



The Details: Beef quarters will include a variety of prime cut steaks, roasts, ribs and ground beef. Quarters typically weigh between 100 – 125 lbs., depending on the size of the animal. Hog halves will be cut to the exact specifications of the customer. Halves typically weigh between 75 – 100 lbs., depending on the size of the animal.

We make it easy. Purchase your meat in bulk and get a discount off of retail prices!

Order by phone or email: 252-257-0205 or tim@workinglandscapesnc.org
. Order early – supplies are limited!

NEW Hours for Warren FoodWorks

Warren FoodWorks begins new hours:

Tue	7a – 3p
Wed	7a – 3p
Thu	7a – 3p
Fri	7a – 6p

Sat 9a – 3p

Class A Office Space For Rent

100 – 600 sq. feet available on the 2nd floor at 108 South Main St. in Warrenton. Includes utilities (except communications) and shared bathroom. Call Carla Norwood for more information at 252-431-5164.

Lake Gaston Association April 6 Meeting Real Estate Update

At the Lake Gaston Association's (LGA) monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 6 at 9:30 a.m., Barney Watson Broker/Realtor, RE//MAX On The Lake will be the speaker.

He will present on the 2015 real estate activity and give a year to date real estate market update.

The meeting will be held at the Lake Gaston Baptist Church located on Hwy. 903, 1 mile north of Eaton Ferry Bridge, across from the Subway Restaurant.

It will also provide an opportunity to get caught up on the various activities that the LGA Committees – Public Safety, Lake Environment, Government Relations, Marketing and Membership, Education and Lake Clean-Up – are working on.

Got a lake-related issue or concern that the LGA should be working on? There will be time allotted on the agenda to present those concerns to the LGA Board.

The meeting is open to the public, members and non-members alike, so gather up your neighbors and come join the LGA.

For more information contact (252) 586-6577 or 1-888-586-6577 or info@lakegastonassoc.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.

- **Warrenton Animal Clinic.** Drs. O'Malley & their team are offering two great specials for the month of March. If you've never taken your pet, the New Client Welcome Package will give you a \$5 discount and free gift all month long. For those of you who are already clients, the Dental Promotion earns you \$5 off any dog or cat dental cleaning and free dental products. To schedule your appointment, please call 252-257-0737 or visit their site at warrentonanimalclinic.com.
- **Fire House Biscuits & Burgers.** Every week you can stop in for a great meal and these specials: Monday – Fried chicken & BBQ w/ 2 sides, roll and drink \$6.99; Tuesday – 2 pork chops w/ 2 sides, roll and drink \$6.99; Wednesday – Meatloaf, 2 sides, roll and drink \$6.99; Thursday – Hamburger steak with gravy w/ 2 sides, roll and

drink \$6.99; Friday – Fish plate \$6.99 or Shrimp or Combo plate \$7.99 both w/ hushpuppies, 2 sides and drink.

- **Warren FoodWorks.** Friday April 1 from 7:00-10:00pm come to The First Friday Main Street Poetry Show. Open mic poetry and music, hosted by Warren County Artists' Market.
 - **Warren FoodWorks.** Carlos and Mauri Bardales will entertain you with Classical Strings from 7 – 9pm on Saturday April 2. Come see these incredibly talented local musicians.
 - **Warren County Farmers Market.** The Warren County Growers' Association wants to remind you that the Farmers' Market will be opening 16 April from 8am – Noon. There will be seasonal fruits and vegetables, plants, herbs, baked good, jams & jellies, bluebird houses and honey. They'll be there through October each Saturday, rain or shine in historic downtown Warrenton at the BB&T parking lot.
 - **Warrenton Quilt Days & Preservation Warrenton Home Tour.** Quilts will be accepted for the April 16-17 show at Quilt Lizzy, 110 E. Macon Street in Warrenton. A nominal fee will be charged for each quilt entry. Your ticket to the Home Tour will allow you to vote on the People's Choice quilts and see 13 Historic homes. Buy before April 16 and save \$5 per ticket!
 - **Haliwa-Saponi Tribe 51st Pow-Wow.** April 15, 16 and 17 the Haliwa-Saponi Pow-Wow returns to the Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School at 130 Haliwa-Saponi Trail in Hollister. Drum Competition, Dance Competition and much more for your family. Children under 6 are free, 7-61 years old \$8 & 62+ is \$7. Don't miss this huge celebration right here in our backyard.
 - **Run Warrenton.** The third annual spring 5k Race, Run, Walk, Scoot in downtown Warrenton is before Springfest on April 23 with registration beginning at 8:00am. The race begins at 9:00am. This year's event will benefit two organizations that assist military service members: the Yellow Ribbon Fund and the Semper Fi Fund.
 - **Springfest 2016.** This downtown tradition continues on our Historic Courthouse Square in Warrenton on April 23. If you're interested in being a vendor, **download the application here.**
 - **Lakeland Theatre Company:** Alan Stallings. One of their favorite performers, Alan Stallings, will be singing a variety of genres including Vince Gill, old R&R, classic country and pop standards. Call 252-586-3124 ext. 3 or visit **lakelandtc.org** for tickets. Adults \$16 and Students \$9.
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