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:

The BEST of Warren County on Display

It Was A Great Weekend…

If you ever wonder how much good you can accomplish as just one person or several, look no farther than the just concluded **Warrenton Quilt Days & Preservation Warrenton Home Tour**.

A huge thank you is in order to **Susan Harris of Quilt Lizzy and Sheila Carver of Magnolia Manor Plantation** who had the original vision for this event. They not only dreamed this dream but they included the rest of us in it and got us to share the dream...plus they worked tirelessly for months.

Thank you to the countless volunteers like Jack-of-all-trades **Peggy Richardson** and so many others who have worked for months promoting, taking in quilts, distributing quilts, taking pictures and more...your work was truly priceless.

Thank you to the small businesses of Warrenton and Norlina...you added hours, you created special menus, and you welcomed guests to our community with your usual hospitality.

Thank you to **Preservation Warrenton** and the members who have for 20 years seen the value of our rich Warren County history...and more importantly opened your homes for quilts and to tell the story of our unique history.

Thank you to **Heritage Quilters** who tell the story, preserve the traditions and educate new generations of this rich history of quilts in our county.

Thank you to **Robert Davie and the Town of Warrenton** who worked with the event coordinators over the months and supported it in their usual complete and friendly fashion.

Thank you to the **Public Works Department of Warrenton**. Never have I seen so few men work so hard…and always with a smile on their faces. They mowed, swept the streets, cleaned the trash and more to make sure Warrenton was ready for the hundreds of guests we hosted.

Thank you to **Butch Meek, Bill, Roger, Sears, Jimmy, Brian, Pat, Spencer & Susan of the Warrenton Rotary Club** who ran the reverse raffle and handled parking and check in at the Quilt Days Gala Saturday night. I just watched in amazement at the professional event they led.

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Thank you to the **Warrenton Rural VFD and Chief/Mayor Walter Gardner, Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Norlina Methodist Church and the other churches** that provided box lunches, salad bars and desserts for lunch on Saturday for all of our visitors.

Thank you to the **Satterwhites** for the incredible work they've done to bring new life to the **Old Cotton Gin**. It looks wonderful now…I can't wait to see how impressive it looks when they finish. It is truly a new treasure for our town and county.

And finally, **Thank you** to everyone I have somehow forgotten. I can assure you it has not been intentional…

Too often I will see a community host an event like this and for weeks afterward implore, "let's keep this spirit going all year long." Well in Warren County no one needs to say that because the energy, the vision, the hard work, the brilliance, the friendliness and the graciousness our visitors saw for Warrenton Quilt Days is what I see here every single day of the year.

Isn't it great to wake up here in Warren County? God Bless you all.

---Craig

Welcome To Our Newest Member!

The Warrenton Golf Club

Please join me in welcoming our newest member to the Chamber of Commerce of Warren County: **The Warrenton Golf Club!**

And to kick things off, they've just announced the availability of their new polo and tee shirts… Warrenton Golf Club shirts and polos are now available! Adult sizes small through XXL in many colors.

T-shirts are $20 w/out pocket, $22 w/pocket, add $2 for XXL
Polos are $45, add $2 for XXL

Contact Kim Burrows to buy your shirt today! 252-257-3301 or email at **kburrows@nc.rr.com**.

Run Warrenton Registration…

Register Early for April 23 Race Prior To SpringFest

Upcoming Member Events

Warren FoodWorks
Friday 22 April
Youth Poetry Slam
7:00pm – 9:00pm

Robinson Ferry Restaurant
Wednesday 20 April
Trivia Wednesday
6:30pm

Farmers' Market 2016
Saturday 23 April
8am - Noon
BB&T Parking Lot

Springfest 2016
Saturday 23 April
Historic Courthouse Square
Warrenton
10am – 4pm
Vendor Applications Here

Run Warrenton
Saturday 23 April
Historic Courthouse Square
Warrenton
Registration 8 am

Lakeland Theatre: Alan Stallings
Saturday 23 April
Littleton

Cherry Hill Plantation

Sunday 24 April
3:00pm
Mayron Tsong Performance Inez

2016 MCAS Cherry Point Airshow
April 29, 30 & May 1

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Registration is underway for Run Warrenton, the fourth annual spring 5k Race, Run, Walk, Scoot in downtown Warrenton. This year's event will benefit an organization that assists military service members, 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 23,** 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.

Spring Fest 2016: 23 April 10am – 4pm

On the Historic Courthouse Square in Warrenton

The Warrenton Revitalization Committee is proud to present their first outdoor festival of this year, Spring Fest, Saturday 23 April from 10am – 4pm on the Historic Courthouse Square in Warrenton.

Bring the family and friends for crafts, artisans, exhibits, fresh local vegetables, food and more! There's plenty of live entertainment featuring crowd favorite, The Brake Tyme Band. Plus, Backyard Bluegrass Boys and the National Champion WCHS Dynamic Marching Band Drumline!

Bring Your Own Lawn Chair and enjoy the day. Spring Fest is made possible by sponsors like Maria Parham Medical Center, Duke Energy and United Healthcare.

For more information, call 252-257-1122 or email **townadministrator@warrenton.nc.gov** .

Mayron Tsong to Perform at Cherry Hill

Coming 24 April

Pianist Mayron Tsong will return to Cherry Hill on April 24th where she has thrilled audiences in years past with her virtuosity and charisma. The former Head of Keyboard Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Dr. Tsong is now Associate Professor/Artist Teacher of Piano and Director of Undergraduate Studies at the School of Music at the University of Maryland.

Mayron Tsong has performed around the globe and in almost every state in the continental United States. The New York Concert Review praised her debut recital at Carnegie Hall as "an enlivening, truly outstanding recital". She is a native of Canada and was one of the youngest musicians to complete a Performer's Diploma in Piano from the Royal Conservatory of Toronto at age 16. While still a student she received the Millennium Prize for Russian Performing Arts, and she is a three-time recipient of The Female Doctoral Students Grant, awarded by the Government of Canada. Dr. Tsong holds graduate degrees in both Piano Performance and Music Theory from Rice University. A distinguished teacher herself, she has appeared around the world as a master class clinician, lecturer, judge, and Visiting Professor.

Mayron Tsong's performance, beginning at 3:00 PM, will include works by such classical luminaries as Rachmaninoff and Liszt, as well as the powerful "Winnboro Cotton Mill Blues" by Rzewski. Tickets may be purchased at the door, with a $10 charge for adults, $5 for students, and free admission for children 12 and under. A reception will follow the concert.

Cherry Hill is an antebellum plantation located on 500 acres of timberland in southern Warren County. Its Sunday concerts began in 1982 under the auspices of the Cherry Hill Historical Foundation. The house itself is on the National Register of Historic Places.

VGCC's Fourth Annual Dinner Theater

Featuring the Play "Deathtrap"

Suspense, thrills and laughter are on the menu as Vance-Granville Community College presents the successful Broadway show DEATHTRAP for its Fourth Annual Dinner Theater. The Culinary Arts and Drama departments are teaming up once again to present a delicious meal followed by an entertaining play.

Scheduled for the evenings of Thursday, April 28, and Friday, April 29, in the Civic Center, the event will begin with dinner at 6 p.m. each evening. Then, on Saturday, April 30, at 2 p.m., there will be a special encore matinee performance of the play, without dinner.

The play will be held at the VGCC Civic Center, 200 Community College Road in Henderson.

Tickets may be obtained by clicking on one of the Eventbrite links at the bottom of the **Dinner Theater web page**.

Shop Local: Warren Wednesdays

Specials Available This Week

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…

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!
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 00 or DP items in the store.
The Warren Record: Each Wednesday, for Warren County Residents, get $5 off **NEW** subscriptions to the Warren Record.
Second Hand Rose Antiques, Main Street Warrenton: 30% off Jewelry this Wednesday. Plenty from which to choose!
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.
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.
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!
Cheap Joe's Clothes, Main Street Warrenton: 10% off Men's Speed Zone Polo Shirts and Women's Cool Breeze Long Skirts!
Friends Two, Main Street Warrenton: Get a FREE fountain Coke with a $5 purchase. There is absolutely nothing better on a hot day!
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.

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: 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

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.

Warren County Growers Association Farmers Market

Open for the Season Saturday 16 April

You've never tasted how good a tomato can be until you have one fresh from the garden! The Warren County Farmers Market opened for 2016 last weekend to great success…you can join your neighbors there this weekend for more home-grown goodness. Now thru 15 October from 8am – Noon each Saturday they'll be in downtown Warrenton in the BB&T Parking lot.

You'll find seasonal, local fruits & vegetable, baked goods, preserves, herbs, flowers, eggs, honey & handmade crafts.

If you need more information, please call 252-257-3640 or visit their website at **warrengrowers.com**.

2016 MCAS Cherry Point Airshow

Celebrating 75 years April 29, 30 & May 1

Call your family and friends and mark your calendars for eastern North Carolina's biggest, baddest, fastest and loudest outdoor event **April 29, 30 and May 1, 2016!** Complete details are **available online.**

The commanding officer of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point invites you to visit the Marine Corps' largest air base for the 2016 MCAS Cherry Point Air Show, featuring the world's top aviation aerobatic team, the U.S. Navy Blue Angels. This year's show will also highlight Cherry Point's 75th Anniversary -- it promises to be the best show ever. Beginning with a spectacular night show on Friday, April 29, the skies will light up with afterburners, jet-assisted takeoffs, wingtip pyrotechnics, sky-diving demonstrations, a jet school bus blasting down the runway, plus the crowd-pleasing "wall of flame," all culminating with a massive fireworks display on the flight line. Gates open Friday, April 29 at 5 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday will both have full day shows featuring a dizzying variety of military and civilian aerobatic demonstrations. You and your family will get up close and personal to dozens of historic and modern aircraft displays, as well as a wide array of military vehicles and equipment. The show will offer children's activities, an outdoor recreational show and much more. Admission and parking are FREE. The air show narrator will talk you through a Marine Air Ground Task Force demonstration as air and ground Marine combat forces simulate an assault on enemy positions right in front of your eyes! Individual demonstrations, such as one by the Marine Corps' AV-8B Harrier, will make it clear why the Marine Corps is the finest fighting force in the world. **FREE live concert on Saturday night!** Gates open Saturday and Sunday at 8 a.m.

And, as always, the U.S. Navy Blue Angels will provide the grand finale both days!

The 2016 MCAS Cherry Point Air Show, loaded with hours of great entertainment, tons of good food, and loads of fun (and education) for the kids, is an event you and your family won't want to miss! This is an opportunity for Cherry Point's Marines and Sailors to demonstrate the Marine Corps motto -- Semper Fidelis -- which means Always Faithful. And it is their chance to say "THANK YOU!" to our North Carolina neighbors for the fantastic support we enjoy here all year round while we train to remain America's force in readiness.

Warren FoodWorks: Spring Menu

Take Advantage of Their New Breakfast…

Click here for full menu

Weekly Specials

1/2 Sandwich, Soup, Chips or Slaw (7.95)

Mixed Greens and Smoked Provolone (4.25)
Featuring eggs from Susan at Five Crows at Lickskillett

Cream of Mushroom Soup or Chicken Noodle Soup (2.95/4.95)
Featuring shiitake mushrooms from James Henderson of Henderson Natural Farms in Ridgeway, NC

New this Week

Breakfast Sandwiches
Great news! FoodWorks is serving homemade breakfast sandwiches and casseroles featuring local eggs, meat and produce. Stop by and fuel up before you start your day!

Grab and Go!

Be sure to stop by our cold cases for fresh-made grab-and-go items, as well as pasture raised meat and eggs!

Baked Goods

We'll have our house favorites:
Sweet Potato Cinnamon Rolls, Lemon Cranberry Biscotti, Ridgeway Melon Bread, the list goes on!

As always

Free Wi-Fi and the best view in Warrenton, bring your computer, a book, or a friend and come relax at FoodWorks

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.

Relay For Life Of Warren County

"Hope Lives Here" Friday May 20

Each year, across the nation, Relay For Life events bring together entire communities to take part in the fight against cancer. It's a time and place where people come to celebrate those who have survived cancer, remember those we've lost, and fight back against a disease that touches too many lives.

Invite your family, friends and neighbors to join them in the fight on Friday, May 20th from 6pm – Midnight at Warren County High School. There are plenty of sponsorship opportunities as well as displaying luminarias and torches in honor of loved ones.

For more information, please **visit their website.** You may also contact Sylvia Fletcher for pickup of your sponsorship forms by calling 252-257-2520.

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 nears 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 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.

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.

- **Warren County Farmers Market.** The Warren County Growers' Association wants to remind you that the Farmers' Market will be open each Saturday 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 Animal Clinic.** Drs. O'Malley & their team are offering a life-saving special for the month of April. April is National Heartworm Awareness Month. As part of our awareness campaign this month, we are offering a GIVEAWAY!! The prize is 6 doses of Heartgard- that's a 6 month supply!! Here's how it works:
  1. Have your dog tested for Heartworms at our office during the month of April = 3 entries (3 per dog!)
  2. Take our **Heartworm Awareness Quiz on our Facebook page** and leave us a comment or message to tell us you did = 2 entries
  3. Invite your friends to "like" our Facebook page and leave us a comment or message to tell us you did = 1 entry
  RULES: You must be a current client of Warrenton Animal Clinic (having had an appointment within the last 2 years) to be a winner. Deadline for entry is April 30th 2016. The winner will be drawn May 2nd 2016. Your dog's Heartworm test must be current to receive the prize. Please call 252-257-0737 or visit their site at **warrentonanimalclinic.com** for more information.
- **Warren FoodWorks**. **April Special!!!** FoodWorks is truly thankful for your friendship. Now they want to meet YOUR friends! During April if you bring in a first-time customer and you each order something, you can each get a second item (of equal or lesser value) at 25% off. To claim your discount, say "I brought a friend to FoodWorks" when you place your order.
- **Warren FoodWorks.** Friday April 22 from 7:00-9:00pm it's the Youth Poetry Slam. Cash prizes will be awarded!
- **Warren FoodWorks.** ***Shavon Russell and Black Journeyz has been rescheduled from this week until Friday 29 April from 7:00 – 9:00pm.***
- **Run Warrenton.** The third annual spring 5k Race, Run, Walk or 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.**

- **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.
- **Lakeland Theatre Company:** Alan Stallings appearing 23 April at 8:00pm. 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.