



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

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Isn't It Great to Wake up Here in Warren County?

New Businesses on the Way to Warrenton & Norlina...

On your next drive around Warrenton and Norlina, take a look at the business activity...I think you'll like what you see.

Susan Harris & Quilt Lizzy are growing on Main Street Warrenton with a new **expansion for the store**...some exciting things coming.

Then diagonally across the street in Warrenton's Oldest Brick Store (ca. 1835) butcher paper is on the windows and something new is on the way to that historic location.

Then there's a new business, Shoes Etc., open in the old drycleaners location in the 300 block of South Main.

Just a quick hop down the road to Norlina and you'll see a Shave Ice stand on the steps of the old Norlina Hotel in time for hot weather.

If any place has momentum, it's Warren County!

---Craig

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.

Norlina City Site
Warren County Site

Upcoming Member Events

Farmers' Market 2016
Saturday 30 April
8am - Noon
BB&T Parking Lot

Lake Area Health Care
Wednesday 5 May
Lunch & Learn
126 N. Main St. Warrenton
11:30am - 1:00pm

Robinson Ferry Restaurant
& Spirits
Sunday 8 May
Mothers' Day Brunch
12:00noon - 4:00pm

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

Lakeland Theatre Company: 12 Angry Jurors

June 17, 18, 24, 25 & 26



Lakeland Theatre Company will be presenting Twelve Angry Jurors directed by Ruth Morgan and her assistant director, Don Heagren. The audience will be in the jury room with the panel as they deliberate the guilt or innocence of the young man accused of murdering his father. If found guilty, the accused will receive

a mandatory death sentence.

Although times may change, human nature does not. How would you vote?

Shows begin on June 17 and continue June 18, 24, 25 & 26. Tickets are available by calling 252-586-3124 or can be purchased online off our website, www.lakelandtheatrenc.org. (Tickets \$16.00 Adults, \$ 9.00 Student).

Duke Energy Accelerates Renewable Energy Growth Goal by 33%

New Sustainability Report Released

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Continuing its dramatic growth in renewable energy, Duke Energy has raised its 2020 renewable energy goal by 33 percent. The company expects to own or purchase 8,000 megawatts of wind, solar and biomass capacity by 2020 – a 33 percent jump from the old goal of 6,000 megawatts established in 2013.

“Duke Energy is accelerating the pace of our renewable energy program allowing us to increase our goal for wind, solar and biomass on our system,” said Cari Boyce, vice president, Policy, Sustainability and Stakeholder Strategy. “Renewable energy will continue to be a growing part of our generation mix in the future.”

The goal is spelled out in the company’s 10th edition of its Sustainability Report issued today. **View it online**.

As of the end of 2015, the company owned or purchased nearly 4,400 megawatts of wind, solar and biomass: 49 percent wind, 39 percent solar and 12 percent biomass.

Overall, Duke Energy operates more than 52,000 megawatts of generating capacity in the United States.

The report also tracks the company's progress on other sustainability goals and programs. Highlights:

- Duke Energy continues to be a cleaner company. In 2015, overall carbon dioxide emissions from generation were 28 percent below what they were 10 years ago – and about 6 percent less than 2014.
- Carbon intensity, the amount of carbon dioxide released per kilowatt-hour of electricity produced, is 23 percent lower than 10 years ago.
- Since 2009, Duke Energy has provided more than 70 million deeply discounted energy-efficient lighting products to our customers.
- Duke Energy's price per kilowatt-hour of electricity is lower than the national average in all six states the company serves retail customers.
- Since 2013, Duke Energy has helped its communities attract more than 37,000 jobs and more than \$10 billion in capital investment.

For 10 straight years, Duke Energy has been a part of the Dow Jones Sustainability Index for North America.

The Sustainability Report provides an overview and data on how Duke Energy creates value. It details the company's performance in its four key focus areas – customers, growth, operations and employees. A number of employees are highlighted for their contributions to Duke Energy's sustainability efforts.

Warren County Growers Association Farmers Market

Strawberries Are Here!



The Warren County Farmers Market continues to be a big hit as they open the 2016 growing season! 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.

The big news is that there will **be fresh strawberries for sale!** Make sure you're there early for these treats. Here's a partial list of what you can expect to find (grown locally!) this weekend:

- Farm Fresh eggs
- Marinades & sauces
- Vegetable Plants: Zucchini – Round; Yellow Squash; Cucumber – Pickling and salad; Green Peppers, California Wonder.
- Vegetables: Kale – Ruffled & Lacinato; Spinach radishes and Spring Onions.
- Jams & Jellies: Peach pear preserves, blueberry jam, apple/pineapple jam, peach/pineapple jam, mint jelly & grape jam.
- Sweet Betsy Plants
- Fresh cut flowers
- Bluebird Houses
- Additionally, you'll find variety lettuce (\$3/bag); Lacinato Kale (\$4/bag) and Radishes (\$1/bag...25-30 radishes).

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

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...

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.

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.

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 \$\$\$.

Warrenton Supply, Main Street Warrenton: Save 10% on all air filters for your furnace.

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.

Awesome God Christian Bookstore, Main Street Warrenton: 50% off the limited supply of light blue girls and boys school uniform tops.

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

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.

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.

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.

Integritax, Norlina: \$25 off any tax preparation on Wednesdays.

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 all Men's Cologne and Women's Bath & Beauty Products.

Friends Two, Main Street Warrenton: Get 15% off regularly priced, select jewelry!

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.

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 FoodWorks: Spring Menu

Take Advantage of Their New Breakfast...

[Click here for full menu](#)

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! **Just a note from the Chamber...the breakfast casserole is heaven on a plate...get some tomorrow morning!***

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.

Warrenton Golf Club's Schedule is Packed!

Summer '16 will be exciting

Got an email late last week with the upcoming schedule for Warrenton Golf Club and it looks great! Don't forget, they also have their new t-shirts and polo shirts **available for purchase**.

May 7th, Saturday at 3:30 pm

KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY. A really awesome party! Food, drinks, ladies hat contest, "pick" your favorite horses, and more!!! Another email to come with specific details. Sign up at the club or contact Kim Burrows.

May 27th, Friday at 6:00 pm

BBQ DINNER. Kick off to the Member/Guest Tournament. More information to come.

May 28th, Saturday MEMBER/GUEST TOURNAMENT

11:00 am Ladies Luncheon and Silent Auction

8:00 pm Member/Guest Party

May 29th, Sunday

Wrap up Member/Guest Tournament and TROPHIES

August 26th and 27th

90th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE WARRENTON GOLF CLUB

Gala on Friday night with live band, etc.

Golf, cornhole tournament, etc. on Saturday

Lots more information to come on this huge event for our club!!!

SAVE THE DATE FOR THIS WEEK-END!!!!!!

Any questions regarding any of these events, please contact Kim Burrows at 252-257-3301 or email kburrows@nc.rr.com

Lake Gaston Association's 4 May Meeting

Boat & Jet Ski Readiness

At the Lake Gaston Association's (LGA) monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 4 at 9:30 a.m., Larry Liles of Lake Gaston Jet Ski and Caroline Overby of Overby Marine Sales & Service will be the speakers.

They will be giving helpful hints and tips on preparing your watercraft for the summer and ideas to enhance the enjoyment of your watercraft on the lake.

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.

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. Fresh strawberries this weekend! 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.
 - **Lake Area Health Care.** ***You're invited to a Lunch and Learn at Lake Area Health Care's office at 126 N. Main Street in Warrenton. The event will be Thursday 5 May from 11:30am – 1:00pm. Join guest speaker Ben Mastridge, Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner discussing the topic of "Extrapyramidal Symptoms and Today's Psychotropic Medications." This is open to the public. Please contact Ted Anderson to RSVP at ted.a@fhrecovery.org.***
 - **Robinson Ferry Restaurant & Spirits.** It's another packed week at the Ferry. Wednesday night 6:30pm bring your friends and your arcane knowledge for Trivia with Chef AJ; Thirstday Thursday get \$1 off draft beer (introducing Sculpin Grapefruit IPA) & peel n' eat shrimp \$9.99/half pound and \$17.99/full pound; Saturday get \$12 bottles of house wine; & don't miss Mothers' Day at the Ferry with their special brunch from 12 – 4.
 - **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.
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