



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

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

We Have Centuries Worth of Treasures Here...

As I've started gathering information about Warren County for another project, it has become very evident that there are few places in this great state that have the buildings still standing that chronicle our rich history. As Al Fleming has said, "If you go to Williamsburg you will see an excellent reproduction of what people think the homes and shops looked like. In Warren County we *live* in the *originals*."

With that in mind, and the goal of reminding us all of the important role played by Warren County in the founding of our State and Nation, I thought it would be fun to add a little "historical moments" section to our weekly newsletter. I'm sure a number of you will be very familiar with the topics and buildings presented in the coming weeks; however, for me, other newcomers and even long-time residents, much of this information may be new.

We have so much here of which to be proud. Hopefully these historical tidbits will give us even more concrete examples.

---Craig

Warren County Historical Tidbits

Where did Warren County get its name?



I've found that when you start telling a story, it helps to start near the beginning. So, to launch these tidbits, I'm starting with a question for which I've found a number of people don't know the answer: "**Who was Warren County named for?**"

The simple answer: **Dr. Joseph Warren of Boston, whose death at the Battle of Bunker Hill in 1775 served as an inspiration to the budding American Revolution.** Now here's the important information behind this forgotten Founding Father and his remembrance by our county.

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Upcoming Member Events

Farmers' Market 2016
Saturday 14 May
8am - Noon
BB&T Parking Lot

Warren FoodWorks
Friday 13 May
Pretty In Paint Party
7:00pm

Warren FoodWorks
Saturday 14 May
Essential Oils For Health &
Well-Being Hosted by Flynn
Meares
9:00am

Warren FoodWorks
Saturday 14 May
Steve Young & Friends
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Dr. Warren was an early leader in the push for Independence frequently writing and speaking publically about the cause. His first major act of great importance was sending Paul Revere and William Dawes on their "midnight rides" to warn the patriots in Lexington & Concord of the coming of the British Army. After dispatching them he and a small militia went to fight the British.

Warren's lasting legacy came during the fight at Bunker Hill. While he declined an officer's position, his leadership was vital to rallying the troops during the first two assaults, then allowing the remaining patriot troops to escape when their ammunition ran out and the British stormed their positions. He was killed by a British officer who recognized him and ordered that Dr. Warren's body be mutilated.

Now, how does this patriot connect to Warren County?

Well, the origins of Warren County can be traced back to well before the Revolutionary War, even before the initial settling of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock. Native American Indians, the Tuscarora, populated this area prior to the first incursions of white explorers who came to the North Carolina region.

One of the first known settlers to what would eventually become Warren County, was William Duke in 1735. Warren County was originally known as Bute County, in honor of John Stuart, 3rd Earl of Bute, former Prime Minister and Lord of the Treasury.

As the result of the Revolutionary War, the name of Bute was frowned upon as Lord Bute was the Prime Minister of England. In 1779, the North Carolina Assembly passed a bill to divide the county in half. The northern half was named after Dr. Joseph Warren, hero of Bunker Hill and became known as Warren County with a seat of Warrenton. The southern half was named Franklin County, in honor of Benjamin Franklin.

Have a bit of local history you'd like to know more about? Drop me an email and I'll see what information I can find. In the meantime remember, there's lots for us to be proud of here in Warren County!

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.

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252-257-2657

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).

Cherry Hill Concerts

Andrew Willis & Friends 22 May



Cherry Hill's spring concert series, A Celebration of the Piano, reaches a crescendo on May 22nd with the performances of Andrew Willis and six of his most gifted graduate students from UNC-Greensboro.

Dr. Willis, Professor of Music at UNCG, is well-known for his work with various keyboard instruments and his commitment to the study, performance and teaching of the widest possible range of repertoire. In past performances at Cherry Hill and on the Greensboro campus, Dr. Willis and other professors of music have presented the biannual Focus on Piano featuring immersion into the life and compositions of one composer.

This year he and his students will delight their audience with a performance of works by a number of musical geniuses as they play compositions of Brahms, Debussy, Mendelssohn, Chopin, Rachmaninoff, Faure, von Weber, and Moscheles. In addition to performing individually on the magnificent Steinway concert grand, some of the pianists will perform on two pianos.

Dr. Willis relishes the opportunity to work with these incredibly talented students from all over the United States. They include Walton Lott and

Colin McDearman from Mississippi; Karl Metzger from Ohio; Stephanie Schmidt from Wisconsin; Robin Morace from New York; and Daniel Seyfried from Idaho.

The concert will begin at 3:00 PM, and admission is taken at the door. The price of the performance is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, and free admission for children 12 and under. A reception in the dining room of the 1850's plantation home of the Alston family will follow the performance.

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
- Vegetables
- Jams & Jellies: Peach pear preserves, blueberry jam, apple/pineapple jam, peach/pineapple jam, mint jelly & grape jam.
- Fresh cut flowers
- Bluebird Houses
- Additional items based on individual growers.

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.

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: All Hi Res Tee shirts Buy 2 get the third FREE.

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](#)

Weekly Specials

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

Zuppa Toscana Soup (2.95/4.95)

Featuring sausage from Ellington Farms and greens from G&D Produce

Spring Asparagus Soup (2.95/4.95)

Featuring asparagus from Jeff Bender of Bender Farms

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.

News from the Warren County Schools

100% College Acceptance & Test Proctors Needed

In talking with the Schools' new Director of Communications & Public Engagement, Jamica Whitaker, she let me know about a number of great events at our County Schools as the year begins to wrap up.

First on the list was a celebration held yesterday at New Tech High School as 100% of the graduating seniors were accepted to colleges or universities. With equally excellent news this week, Warren Early College High School has also announced that 100% of their seniors have been accepted to a college. Congratulations to these students!

Warren County Early College is in need of test proctors for the end of course tests beginning later this week. The following times are available:
Thursday May 12, 2016 need 2 (in the AM 8:15)
Friday May 13, 2016 need 2 (in the AM 8:15)
Monday May 16, 2016 need 3 (2 in the AM 8:15 and 1 in the PM 12:15)
Tuesday May 17, 2016 need 4 (2 in the AM and 2 in the PM)
Wednesday May 18, 2016 need 3 (in the AM)
Thursday May 19, 2016 need 1 (in the AM)
Friday May 20, 2016 need 1 (in the AM)

**If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Lenora Parks, School Counselor, Warren Early College High School
lparks@warrenk12nc.org
(252) 257-6810 ext. 8502**

Looking ahead to the rest of this week the following events are currently scheduled:

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| Wednesday, May 11 | Warren New Tech High School Senior Luncheon
Noon in the Seminar Room |
| Thursday, May 12 | Warren New Tech High School Senior Awards Night
6 p.m. in the Seminar Room |
| Thursday, May 12 | Warren County Middle School Athletic Banquet
6:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium/cafeteria |
| Friday, May 13 | Warren New Tech High Seniors: "Leaving the Nest"
12:45 p.m. in the Seminar Room |
| Friday, May 13 | Warren Early College High VGCC Graduation
6 p.m. at the VGCC Main Campus |

NC Cooperative Extension Classes

Family & Consumer Sciences Workshops May 10, 17 & 31

The NC Cooperative Extension will be conducting 3 Workshops in Family and Consumer Sciences in May. To register for these workshops, please call the following:

Warren County Office 252-257-3640

Franklin County Office 919-496-3344

Vance County Office 252-438-8188

May 10, 2016 "Jamming With Extension"

Time: 5pm - 7pm

Location: Vance County Cooperative Center, 305 Young Street, Henderson, NC

Cost: \$10.00 Make checks payable to the Vance Co. Cooperative Extension Center.

Participants will learn how to make jam using the boiling bath method. Participants will also get a chance to be active and move as they participate in various line dances. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED

May 17, 2016 Couponing 101

5pm - 7pm

Location: Vance County Cooperative Center, 305 Young Street, Henderson, NC

Cost: FREE

Participants will learn how to stretch their food dollars using EXTREME couponing techniques. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED

May 31, 2016 Meal Planning; What's on your table tonight?

Time: 5pm - 7pm

Location: Vance County Cooperative Center, 305 Young Street, Henderson, NC

Cost: FREE

Participants will learn how to stretch their food dollars by meal planning. Participants will be able to learn how to jazz up their traditional recipes to make meals the whole family will enjoy. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Sponsored by the NC Cooperative Extension Family and Consumer Sciences programs of Franklin, Vance and Warren Counties and Facebook blogger Jasmine Alston with "Everyday with J. Renee!"

VCU Health Presentation

Fall Prevention For Older Adults

On May 12 at 10:30am you're invited to join VCU Health at the Hendrick Cancer & Rehab Center, 750 Lombardy Street in South Hill VA for a presentation on Fall Prevention. Holly Parrott, OTR/L, CLT; Jack Griffin,

OTR/L, CHT, CEAS; & Amanda Dennis, OTR/L will help attendees learn how you can reduce your fall risk with the help of occupational therapy.

Older adult falls are largely preventable. By attending this seminar you'll learn:

- What causes falls in older adults.
- What you can do to protect yourself and your loved ones from a fall.
- The role of occupational therapy practitioners in reducing your fall risk and helping you to live life to its fullest.

For more information about this FREE program, please call (434) 774-2506.

Lake Gaston Association Update

Calling All Crafters & Vendors to the 32nd Littleton/Lake Gaston Festival

Planning is underway for this year's Littleton/Lake Gaston Festival now in its 32nd year. Mark your calendars for Friday evening, September 2 and Saturday, September 3 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. in downtown Littleton.

The Festival is organized by Littleton Lion's Club. Lions Heidi Hogan and Theron Sharber have contacted last year's crafters and vendors. Many are returning again this year along with several new ones.

Some space is still available for craft or merchandise vendors and any organizations that would like to present an exhibit or demonstrate some activity. Each booth area is 10 feet deep by 20 feet long located on pavement.

Price for each booth is \$60. Non-profit information booths should call or email festival contacts for a spot in our non-profit information area. Any tents, tables or chairs needed are the vendors' responsibility.

Applications can be found at www.littletonlionsclubnc.com . For more information contact Lions Heidi Hogan at (252) 586-6828, heidighogan@embarqmail.com or Theron Sharber at (252) 586-4681, sharber2606@gmail.com

The Festival continues to promote Littleton as a nice place to live and do business, and a weekend of family fun. Money raised will go to local organizations, and Lion's service projects.

Be one of the thousands that turn out to support this annual event of family fun.

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.
- **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.

What's going on with your business? If you'll send an email between now and next Tuesday I'll make sure to include you in our listings.

Thank you!
