



Chamber Connections

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A Weekly Resource For Warren County Business

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Warren County Historical Tidbits

Another Forgotten Founding Father and His Plantation



We have the town of Macon, Fort Macon, Randolph-Macon College, Macon GA...the list of places named for this early American hero is long, but do you know who Nathaniel Macon was? Why don't we learn more about him via history? And why is the home for his 2000 acre plantation so small? Hopefully today's History Tidbit will answer these and a few other questions...

Let's start with a few of the important events and dates...Nathaniel Macon's family was one of the earliest settlers to Warren County arriving in the 1730's from the Tidewater area of Virginia. At 18 he went north to study at the College of New Jersey (Princeton) and joined the militia in 1775 to fight for a year in the early battles of the Revolution. He returned home to Warren County and again joined the militia in 1780 to fight at the Battle of Camden in South Carolina.

From Independence he began the work that caused Thomas Jefferson to call him "The Last of the Romans" – referring to the great statesmen of the Roman Republic who represented the people and fought against an ever encroaching centralized government controlled by an all-powerful magistrate. Macon's friend and political ally, John Randolph of Roanoke, thought him the wisest man he ever knew.

Why was Macon important in the early days of our country? His political career began in 1791 when he ran for and won a seat in the House of Representatives—a seat he held until 1813. NC then elevated him to the U.S. Senate where he served from 1813 to 1828. In 1801, Macon was elected Speaker of the House and served for the next six years. In the Senate, he served president *pro tempore* from 1826 until 1827. Contemporaries have said that he had his hands on the lever of Federal power and he always pulled in favor of the people and the states. His early power helped shape the North Carolina we have inherited today.



So, why don't we hear much about Nathaniel Macon via history classes? Well, the simplest reason is that he destroyed most of his personal documents, writings and information prior to his death. He believed that for people to study his life and write about it was a waste of time. This feeling carried over to his funeral and grave. In his will he stated that he wanted no monument and no elaborate

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funeral. Instead, he left money for 1,500 mourners to receive "dinner & grog" and then asked that they lay a stone on his grave...the mound that is still quite high today.



So the final question...for such a wealthy and large land-owner, why was his home at Buck Spring Plantation so small?...just two bedrooms? Well it was initially a "starter" home for his family. When his wife and young son died of malaria, he sent his two daughters to live with relatives and never saw the need to enlarge the house just for himself. His original home, pictured here, unfortunately burned in the 80s; however, a reconstruction now stands in its place.

Want to see the grave and homeplace of this Founder who fought always for the people and their right to be unencumbered by a prying government? Take 158 towards Macon and turn left on NC 1318. Then take a left onto Eaton Ferry Road towards Lake Gaston. After about 3 miles look for Nathaniel Macon Road and the sign on the left...Buck Spring is down on the left.

Relay For Life Of Warren County

"Hope Lives Here" Friday May 20

Upcoming Member Events

Relay For Life

Friday 20 May
6pm - Midnight
Warren County High School

Farmers' Market 2016

Saturday 21 May
8am - Noon
BB&T Parking Lot

Lickskillet Dog Grooming

Saturday 21 May
Dog Obedience Class
8:00am

Cherry Hill

Sunday 21 May
Andrew Willis & Friends Piano
Concert
3:00pm

Warren FoodWorks

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

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.

This Friday night there will be a ton of entertainment on tap to make this celebration and fund raiser festive...

6:45-7:30: Ricky Young and the Backyard Bluegrass Band

7:45-8:30: Robert Carroll and the Country Cut Ups

8:45-9:00: Know Losses

9:15-9:45: Steve Hyman

9:45-11:00: Tranzition Band

11:00-closing: DJ Blaine Reese "Booboo"

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.

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Lickskillet Dog Grooming: Obedience Classes

Starts Saturday 21 May



Lickskillet Dog Grooming!

I've watched the TV shows with Cesar and marveled at his ability to teach owners and dogs obedience. Upon moving here I was very happy to find that we have our own dog expert (and even more impressive than the TV shows!) in Doreen at

Well, now she's offering Basic Obedience Lessons for your dog beginning this Saturday, 21 May, at 8am. For the next 7 weeks owners (and their dogs) will learn from an expert the basics to keep your pets obedient and happy. To sign up, just call 252-213-3670. The lessons will last about an hour each Saturday. One note, for the first lesson on 21 May, please don't bring your dog...only owners.

The entire course and world-class expertise is only \$150.00. Your dog also must be up to date on all vaccines. Lickskillet Dog Grooming is located just 10 miles south of Warrenton off US 401 and Lickskillet Road at 132 Fry Pan Lane.

I'll be there this Saturday and hope to see many of you also!

Cherry Hill Concerts

Andrew Willis & Friends 22 May



Cherry Hill's spring concert series, **A Celebration of the Piano**, reaches a crescendo this Sunday 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.

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

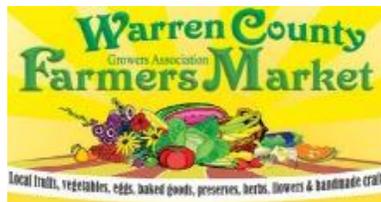
a mandatory death sentence.

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).

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.

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.

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

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 \$\$\$.

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

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.

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.

Cheap Joe's Clothes, Main Street Warrenton: Time to head for the Lake or pool with warm weather...here's a timely special: 15% off all Men's and Women's Swimwear.

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

Cream of Asparagus Soup (2.95/4.95)

Featuring asparagus from Jeff Bender of Bender Farms

Breakfast Special

Breakfast Platter (6.25)

Scrambled eggs, sausage or bacon, home fries & biscuit, cooked onions available on request

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

Strawberry Scones, Blackberry Apple Pie, Ridgeway Melon Bread and much more!

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

WECHS Graduation & Warren County High Banquet

The end of the school year means LOTS of things are going on in our schools. Here's a quick overview...

Week of May 16-20:

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| Tuesday, May 17 | Warren Early College High School Senior Night
6 p.m. in WECHS cafeteria |
| Tuesday, May 17 | Warren New Tech High School National Honor Society induction 6 p.m. in WNTHS Seminar Room |
| Wednesday, May 18 | Warren County Middle School Scholars Banquet
6:30 p.m. in WCMS Cafeteria |
| Thursday, May 19 | Vaughan Elementary School Volunteer Reception
1:30 p.m. in VES Music Room (Room 130) |
| Thursday, May 19 | Warren Early College High School graduation reception 5 p.m. in Warren County Middle School multipurpose room |
| Thursday, May 19 | Warren Early College High School graduation
6 p.m. in Warren County Middle School gymnasium |
| Thursday, May 19 | Warren County High School athletic banquet
6 p.m. WCHS cafeteria |

Week of May 23-27:

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| Monday, May 23 | Warren County Middle School EOG Kickoff Pep Rally
2:45 p.m. WCMS gymnasium |
| Tuesday, May 24 | Warren New Tech High School Underclassmen Awards Ceremony
6 p.m. WNTHS Seminar Room |

NC Cooperative Extension Classes

Family & Consumer Sciences Workshops May 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 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!"

6th Annual Lake Gaston Clean-up Day

Come join the fun!

The Lake Gaston Association's Lake Clean-Up Committee is finalizing their plans to make their Sixth Annual "Take Pride in Lake Gaston" Lake Clean-up event on June 4th the most participated in event ever. But ... they still need your help!

There are many ways to join this effort. If you own waterfront property, clean along your shoreline. Consider cleaning along your subdivision shoreline as an individual or neighborhood activity. You can cover a lot of ground in a canoe or kayak. Many communities schedule their own clean-up activities in the spring, join them. Keep a trash bag in your boat and pick up debris you spot while cruising.

If you are really proud of the Lake and would like to clean up an untended stretch of shoreline, contact the Clean-Up Committee. They can direct you to areas that could use some support.

Don't own property at the lake, but want to help to keep Lake Gaston clean? Contact us and we will assign you to a clean-up team.

Trash bags are available for individuals and groups at the Lake Gaston Regional Chamber of Commerce office from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

The staffed dumpster sites at Washburn's Marina and Morningstar Marina will also have trash bags for you on June 4th. Volunteers will be on hand at these sites from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to assist you as necessary. Or, the trash can be taken to your local convenience center if it's closer.

The LGA asks that pictures are taken to show how much trash was collected in support of the Sixth Annual Lake Gaston Clean-Up Day. Email them to lakecleanup@lakegastonassoc.com

This great event gets great support from many organizations: The Lake Gaston Striper Club collects trash from several of the islands. The Coast Guard Auxiliary is on the water in case of emergency. Support is also provided by Dominion, the Lake Gaston Water Safety Council, the FABS, many subdivisions/Home Owners Associations, and Clean-up crews from area Correction Facilities.

For further information contact the LGA at lakecleanup@lakegastonassoc.com or call 1-888-586-6577, or (252) 586-6577.

NC Tourism Business Training Classes

Thursday 9 June in Downtown Henderson

Tourism-related businesses in the Henderson/Vance County area – including the surrounding counties – will have an opportunity to work with Visit North Carolina staff to learn about its research, development and marketing services, and discuss best practices in reaching travelers, the media and increasing tourism visitation and spending. Visit North Carolina's Tourism Resource Assistance Center (TRAC), a community-based training program designed to help small tourism-related businesses, will be held June 9th, 2016 10 am – 2 pm at The Perry Library/McGregor Hall Performing Arts Center, 201 Breckenridge St., in Henderson.

There is no charge to attend, no reservation is required, and there are no PowerPoint presentations. This is a *come-when-you-can/stay-as-long-as-you'd-like* event opportunity for all tourism-related businesses to meet one-on-one with program managers to discuss better ways to promote their property or event. TRAC brings Visit North Carolina's program managers to local communities to discuss the nuts and bolts of working with the organization. This invaluable program is designed to help tourism-related businesses engage more fully with programs offered by Visit North Carolina and its partners.

Representatives from the EDPNC's BLNC, N.C. Dept. of Commerce, N.C. Dept. of Natural & Cultural Resources and NC GreenTravel will also be on

hand to discuss services they can provide businesses, including strategic planning, assisting with identifying funding sources and serving as liaisons with other local, state and federal agencies. For additional information on this session or to learn more about scheduling a TRAC visit to your community, contact [André Nabors](#) at (919) 447-7771.

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!

Lake Gaston Battle of the BBQ

Saturday 28 June 10am - 4pm

Once again it's time for some great barbeque! The Lake Gaston Regional Chamber of Commerce presents the 24th Annual "Battle of the BBQ". It's Memorial Day weekend, Saturday 28 May, from 10am - 4pm.

20 cooks from North Carolina and Virginia will cook all Friday night to vie for the top honors. Enjoy live music and great BBQ plates for sale to benefit the Lake Gaston Lions Club.

For more information, please call 252-586-5711 or email info@lakegastonchamber.com
