



Chamber Connections

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A Weekly Resource For Warren County Business

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

You're Making Downtown Warrenton Look Alive...

As I say time and time again, the best ideas are already bubbling up right here in Warren County.

It amazes me how much I can miss here in Warren County, even in places I spend hours each week. A perfect example hit me last Friday when I stopped in **Warren FoodWorks** for a little breakfast. As I opened the door I noticed the colorful flowers in pots on either side of their door. I mentioned to them how nice the flowers looked and asked if they were new...well they *were* new about 3 weeks earlier!

They mentioned that they got the idea from Woody. So I looked outside, sure enough, **Futrell Pharmacy** has beautiful flowers outside their door...and so does **Hardware Café!**

When I finished eating I decided to walk up and down Main Street to see if I've been missing any other Main Street gardens. Wouldn't you know, downtown is a virtual nursery of different flowers and plants decorating our local businesses. And true to form here in Warren County, each planting is different, unique and picked by the owners.

Just a quick look and you'll find beautiful plants outside of 116 South Main Street (empty storefront), 123 South Main Street (the Old Brick Building with a new business on the way), **Friends Two**, the beautiful **Nellie Bugg Gardner Memorial Garden** next door, **Warrenton Insurance Agency**, **Awesome God Christian Book Store**, **Warrenton Town Hall, J. Stewart & Mary L. Green Wortham Memorial Garden presented by Preservation Warrenton**, & **Jennifer P. Burton Nationwide Insurance**.

Moving to a few side streets there are plantings welcoming you to **Warrenton Furniture Exchange & The Community Center** on Franklin Street & **A Touch of Heaven Barber and Style Shop** on Market.

Walking back north on Main Street bright flowers decorate the entrances to **CC's Showers of Distinction**, **Citizen's Insurance**, **The Scarlet Rooster**, **Oakley Hall Antiques** and **Warrenton Supply**. But as I looked across the street I noticed that there was one notable building missing flowers...**MINE!** So, in order to join the 20 other great examples of civic pride I headed out in search of flowers this weekend to welcome visitors to **The Chamber of Commerce of Warren County**.

Email Address Update

The official email address for the Chamber is: info@warren-chamber.org

Warren County Online

[Warren Record Column](#)

[WARR 1520AM](#)

[Warrenton City Site](#)

[Norlina City Site](#)

[Warren County Site](#)

Upcoming Member Events

Warren FoodWorks
Wednesday 1 June
3:45 – 5:15 pm
BreadShare Pickups

Warren FoodWorks
Friday 3 June
7:30 – 9:30 pm
First Friday Poetry Night

New Covenant Ministries
Saturday 7:00am – 1:00pm
Yard Sale & Car Wash
1085 Highway 158, Norlina

Lakeland Theatre
Saturday 4 June
8:00 pm
Larry Williams Karaoke Night

Farmers' Market 2016
Saturday 4 June
8am - Noon
BB&T Parking Lot

2016 Kerr Lake Backwoods Bash
3 & 4 June Friday & Saturday
6665 Drewry Virginia Line
Road in Manson
10:00am – 2:00pm



I was pleasantly surprised to find a brand new Warren County business, **Crossroads Nursery**, just about 3 miles from Warrenton on 1001. Herman & Veronica Alston & their daughter Kellie were just the people I needed to help me! They picked out flowers for full sun, plants that would make a nice display, had incredible prices AND are a local business...4 wins for the day. I now have matching flower displays outside the Chamber Office door!

It's easy to forget what a huge impact a little detail like flowers outside a business makes on visitors to our county. Whether they notice them consciously or subconsciously, bright attractive plantings send the message that our towns are alive and thriving. They get a feeling, "I'm not sure what exactly it is, but I feel very comfortable here..." which will keep them coming back and telling friends about Warren County.

My thanks to each of our local businesses in Warren County that are going above and beyond with little touches to make our home shine!

---Craig

Warren County Historical Tidbits

I need a little more information to do our next subject justice...

Good Afternoon! Well, with the long weekend and a full plate, I wasn't able to get the full information I wanted to feature our next Warren County Historic Property, so this feature is on a one-week delay.

Tune in next week...same time, same channel for more of our outstanding local history!

Wherever you turn in Warren County we have a jewel!

New Covenant Ministries Yard Sale & Car Wash

Saturday 4 June 7am - 1pm

Senior Pastor Jerry Barbee would like to invite you to New Covenant Ministries this Saturday, June 4th for a yard sale. Plus, the Youth Department will be having a car wash at the same location. Both events are from 7:00am – 1:00pm.

New Covenant Ministries is located at 1085 US Hwy 158 Bus. West, Norlina NC. For more information, please call 252-292-6799.

Lakeland Theatre
Saturday 11 June
8:00 pm
The Lakeland Singers Perform
"America: River of Dreams"

Cherry Hill Plantation
Sunday 12 June
3:00 pm
Outstanding Musical Students
Perform

Lakeland Theatre
June 17, 18, 24, 25 & 26
Times Vary
"12 Angry Jurors"

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2016 Kerr Lake Backwoods Bash

Music & Trail Ride June 3 & 4

Now this should be fun! On Friday 3 June and Saturday 4 June head for 6665 Drewry Virginia Line Road in Manson, just 6 miles south of Kerr Lake Dam, for the 2016 Kerr Lake Backwoods Bash. This 3rd Annual fundraiser for the Drewry Volunteer Fire Department starts at noon on Friday. \$25 gets you a General Admission ticket good for two days...1 day admission is only \$15. For trail riders, \$30 includes a 2 day pass and BBQ Dinner provided by the Drewry VFD.

Bands include The Justin West Band, The Switch, Father, Son & Soul, Ashley Nell and the Occasionals Band. There are plenty of vendors, contests, food and fun. If you'd like tickets, you can buy them at the gate or early at their website: kerlakebackwoodsbash.com.

Come out and enjoy...the rules are simple: #1 - Have Fun!; #2 - No glass; #3 - Bring Your Tents & Chairs; #4 - Trail Riders must sign a release; & #5 - Dogs on leashes are OK.

Outstanding Students to Perform At Cherry Hill

3:00pm June 12

The Cherry Hill Foundation will present its annual student concert in Inez on Sunday, June 12th at 3:00 PM. East Carolina Professor of Piano Dr. Keiko Sekino will introduce five of her most gifted students to the Cherry Hill audience. The students, who are in either the undergraduate or graduate programs at East Carolina, have displayed unusual talent and even at their young ages have experience in teaching and performing while pursuing degrees at the Greenville University.



Brandon Banks began musical studies at age 14 in his hometown of New Bern. This spring he graduated from East Carolina with a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education. He was named the Outstanding Senior Student in the Keyboard Department. After graduate school, Brandon hopes to pursue a career in New York City as an accompanist.



Sydney Lukert began studying piano at the age of nine. She attended the North Carolina School of the Arts and has attended Brevard Music Center and the Eastern Music Festival. At ECU Sydney is majoring in piano performance and is an active performer of both solo and chamber music.



Irem Ozay, a native of Turkey, has lived in the US since the age of seven. She began studying piano at the age of 8 and studied at the Raleigh Conservatory of Music until 2009. Irem has been teaching piano since the age of 14 and had 40 students in her studio last year. She has been awarded a full graduate

assistantship to East Carolina starting in the fall of 2016, where she will work toward her Master of Music degree.



Anna Beth Rucker began studying piano at the age of 5. She received a Bachelor of Music degree at East Carolina, graduating Summa Cum Laude in the spring of 2015. She was named the Outstanding Senior Student of the ECU Keyboard Department that year. She has taught piano since she was 15 and plans to continue graduate studies in Piano Pedagogy.



Matthew Young grew up in Rocky Mount where he began playing saxophone in the 6th grade and then began piano studies at age 13. A graduate of Rocky Mount Academy, Matthew served as pianist for Stonewall Manor, accompanied groups at competitions and performances and currently plays for services in local churches. He has just completed his freshman year at East Carolina where he is pursuing a degree in Piano Performance. He is the grandson of Herbert Charles Davis, formerly of Warrenton.

The program will include solo works by Brahms, Greig, Tchaikovsky, Bach, Liszt, and Prokofiev, and Brahms Waltzes Op. 39 for four hands. There will be no admission charged for this event, although donations will be gratefully accepted. Following the performance, refreshments will be served in the dining room of the 1850's plantation home of the George Washington Alston family.

For further information and travel directions, visit www.cherryhillconcerts.com.

Lakeland Theatre Karaoke with Larry Williams

4 June 8:00pm

Lakeland Theatre Company, located in Littleton, NC will be hosting "Karaoke Nights with Larry Williams" in Lakeland's Cabaret June 4th beginning at 8:00pm. Doors will open at 7:00 pm along with our snack bar where sodas, snacks, beer and wine will be available for purchase.

The cover charge is only \$6.00, so bring your friends and neighbors and come out for an evening of fun right in downtown Littleton, NC!

It's a great way to spend a Saturday evening! \$6.00 Cover Charge, pay at the door or **\$6.00 - Buy Now**

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).

Lake Theatre Presents: The Lakeland Singers

11 June 8:00pm

The Lakeland Theatre Company & The Farrington Foundation are proud to present The Lakeland Singers performing "America: River of Dreams" June 11 at 8:00pm. This performance is directed by Wrenn Phillips.

If you're looking for an entertaining and inspiring evening out, then this is the concert for you.

For reservations, please call 252-586-3124 ext. 3 or buy online at www.lakelandtheatrenc.org.

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...

Brain Freeze, Main Street Warrenton: Now this is a great lunch time deal! Get 2 hotdogs, drink & chips for \$5.00 and they'll add in a small cup of ice cream for FREE. I had this last Wednesday and it was delicious!

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

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.

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 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.

King's Fitness & Nutrition Center, next to Just Save in Warrenton: Fruit & veggie smoothies just \$4.

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

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 \$\$\$.

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.

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!

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: 10% off Men's Dress Shirts and Women's Dresses.

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: Weekly Lunch Specials

Take Advantage of Their New Breakfast...

[Click here for full menu](#)

Weekly Specials

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

Zuppa Toscana (2.95/4.95)

Featuring sausage from Firsthand Foods and turnip greens from Frank Dillahunt

Cream of Broccoli (2.95/4.95)

Featuring broccoli from Jeff Bender of Bender Farms Produce

Quiche of the Week, Turnip Green and Shiitake (2.95/4.95)

Featuring turnip greens from Frank Dillahunt and shiitake mushrooms from James Henderson of Henderson Natural Farms

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

Strong Arm Bakery will be bringing fresh baked goods every Wednesday along with the weekly BreadShares from 3:45 to 5:15!

We will also have lemon pound cake, Ridgeway Melon Bread, and lemon cranberry biscotti all week!

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.

NC Cooperative Extension Class

Family & Consumer Sciences Workshop May 31

The NC Cooperative Extension will be conducting 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.

Lake Gaston Association Annual Meeting

Saturday 11 June

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for our Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, June 11. The meeting will be held at the Lake Gaston Baptist Church, located on Hwy. 903 across from Subway Restaurant. Check in and refreshments will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will get underway at 10 a.m.

Mr. Larry Meddock, Chairman of the Water Sports Industry Association will be the speaker talking about Safety in towing skiers, boarders, and water toys; protecting your friends and family by getting tips for safely enjoying the water. Q & A to follow.

There will also be updates on water level management and information about this year's public weed control treatment sites.

Members will have the opportunity to vote on Director nominations, and present issues & concerns to the Board.

Following conclusion of the meeting, all attendees will be invited outside to lunch under the church pavilion.

The meeting is open to the public, members and non-members, so bring your friends and neighbors and come join us.

For more information contact info@lakegastonassoc.com or call (252) 586-6577 or toll free (888) 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 FoodWorks.** Strong Arm Baking Company's first Breadshare pickup is this Wednesday! Strong Arm Bakery will also be bringing a variety of hearth baked bread and artisanal pastries. Sign up for your Breadshare today by contacting Strong Arm Baking Co. directly: email: info@strongarmbaking.com, call (828) 400-4826 or visit www.StrongArmBaking.com
- **Warren FoodWorks.** Come join the Warren County Artists' Market as they host First Friday Poetry Night at FoodWorks. Poetry, music, spoken word: all performances are open mic. Enjoy the artistic energy in our community, or share your own; either way it's set to be a great time. **FREE**
- **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.

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- **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!