



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:

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

We've Got That Spark...

Sunday afternoon drives are one of my favorite memories from growing up. With 5 kids, Mother and Daddy had to look for entertainment that didn't cost them an arm and a leg, so most Sundays when we were all little they piled us into the car and headed out exploring some new roads or towns. One Sunday it might be just down country roads we had never been on to end up wading in a river...the next it might be driving through a town in the mountains or a neighborhood with big homes in a nearby city.

This past Sunday my wife and I decided to head out on a Sunday drive of our own and explore some of the nearby towns just outside of Warren County. As we drove through 4 or 5 little towns we found lots of amazing buildings...history going back to the 1700s as well as quaint 19th and early 20th century towns and homes. We saw a number of places we're going to go back to during the week when things are open...and we saw a number of places that needed a coat of paint or were long overdue for a good weeding.

In one historic town we were on the main business route of a major US Highway thru town. As we entered the town I slowed down to see an interesting house and from there I just left my foot off the gas and we cruised along at about 5 miles an hour. I kept checking my rearview mirror to make sure I wasn't holding up traffic...but nothing. So we kept cruising and looking at the interesting houses, the old stores in the downtown and the historic signs. 20 minutes later it hit me: for the entire trip through this town not one car had come up behind us OR passed us going the other way. Plus, I had not seen one person outside either working or just relaxing. Then as we turned around to go back home I noticed that of the 10-15 stores in their downtown, only one was in active use (closed on Sundays). It almost reminded me of a ghost town.

As you drive around your part of Warren County today, pay attention whether you're in Norlina, Macon, Wise, Warrenton or any other community. I'll be you see plenty of people outside – working in their yards or walking or going to stores. Then look at the business areas. Whether they happen to be open or closed today, don't they look like they're "alive"? Do we have buildings in the county that need a little TLC? Absolutely. But from my driving around, the well-kept and loved homes and businesses far outnumber the others in Warren County.

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Upcoming Member Events

Warren FoodWorks
Wednesday 8 June
3:45 – 5:15 pm
BreadShare Pickups

Farmers' Market 2016
Saturday 11 June
8am - Noon
BB&T Parking Lot

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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As we work to grow Warren County, that's our advantage over so many other small towns...when visitors drive through there's a noticeable spark of life here. There's evidence of people's pride in their town, their community, their business. Thanks to all of you, we've got what a lot of people are looking for! Just a few thoughts for all of us about how fortunate we are to call Warren County home.

---Craig

Historical Tidbits: The 1870 Hendrick House

We Have a Present-Day Connection to the Original Owners

Good Afternoon! I know you've heard me mention previously Al Fleming's outstanding quote about what makes Warren County special, "We **live** in the **originals**..." referring of course to our more than 300 historic homes and buildings in the County.

Interestingly, in researching our history, I've also found that in Warren County we have a number of people who are **descendants** of the **original residents** who made history locally and throughout North Carolina. This continuity of family gives us a special insight into our history.



I found that particularly true this past week as I had time to talk with Portia Hawes, a founding member of **Heritage Quilters**, about the Historic **Hendrick House** behind the Courthouse on Front Street. You've seen it...yellow with white trim...a porch across the entire front...and a "**Heritage Quilters**" sign hanging out front. I expected to get a lot of new information about

the house and original owners from our talk; I did...however, I also ended up getting a wonderful family story that spans nearly 150 years.

This historic building's story begins in about 1870, built by the Fain family on a much different Front Street than we know today. According to a later 1885 town map there was a paint shop, an ice house, a carriage workshop, a livery next to the Courthouse and Mr. Hendrick's two livery stables behind his house by that time...a much more commercial area even in 1870. But, we're getting ahead of the story.

Aaron Hendrick was born a free African-American in 1856 in southern Virginia. He moved south of the Roanoke River after the Civil War and married the Fain's daughter, Alice. They lived in this house and began to raise a family. They had two sons, Ed & Will and a daughter, Mary Fearing. More about them in just a minute.

Now I had seen a number of sources document that Mr. Hendrick owned a livery stable behind his house. Ms. Hawes asked if I knew what a livery stable was... (drawing on my great amount of knowledge about the care of horses gained from watching Westerns for 50 years), of course I did ☺. When you came to a town you boarded your horse at the livery stable and they fed and cared for it. That's correct to a point, she said, but the really important part of his livery business went beyond that.

Aaron Hendrick owned a carriage and each day he met the train at the depot. Tradesmen & sellers coming to Warren County depended on Mr. Hendrick to not only carry them to their destination, but more importantly,

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to know where things were in the county. Then, as today, most of our residents lived outside the towns. With no detailed maps, visitors depended on Aaron Hendrick to know how to get to potential customers.

This business expertise made Aaron Hendrick a financially well-off man. His wife employed a full-time maid, Mrs. Somerville, and we know from ***The Warren Record***, 5 March 1897 that Mr. Hendrick and a Mr. Branch left Warrenton for Washington, D.C. to attend William McKinley's Inauguration.

The Hendrick's children also did very well as the 20th century dawned. The oldest, Ed, became the first certified electrician in Warren County. He remained here and took over the historic Hendrick House after his Mother's passing in 1943. Their 2nd son, Will, chose the Navy as a career while their daughter, Mary Fearing Hendrick, met and married well known New York City insurance and real estate magnate, James E. Pole. They were married in the house here in Warrenton on Saturday, July 23, 1921.

As our talk was nearing the end, Ms. Hawes mentioned that she actually knew Alice Fain Hendrick when she was younger. That is really interesting! She said that Mrs. Hendrick always had a great garden behind the house and that she would go over to "Aunt Alice's" to pick butterbeans. So, it seems that Alice Fain Hendrick was a sister to her Grandfather!

Now how's this for a historic connection to our current-day...Portia Hawes, niece of Alice Fain Hendrick, grows up in Warrenton – leaves for a lengthy career as a teacher in New York City – returns home to Warren County – joins with others to form Heritage Quilters in 2001 (with a focus on the traditions of quilting locally and other important history) – and in 2014 the group moves into her Aunt's home, now a historic part of Warren County. Talking with Ms. Hawes was almost like having a connection to her Aunt across 130 years.

I'm finding out that we have many resources better than any book to learn about our history living right here in Warren County!

Wherever you turn in Warren County we have a jewel...

Warrenton T-shirts & Hats

Get Yours at Town Hall



Here's a great way to show off your Hometown Pride...T-Shirts, printed with the Town of Warrenton emblem, are now available for sale at Town Hall. These Warrenton T-Shirts are high-quality 100% cotton and Hanes Beefy T brand.

Sizes available include Small, Medium, Large, Xtra Large and Xtra Xtra Large. Pricing for the Small through XL is \$12 and just \$13 for XXL. Other sizes can be available through special order. Stop by Town Hall and help us promote the Town.



And, hot off the presses of Facebook last night from **Carolina Images**, Warrenton hats are on the way and should be delivered to Town Hall either Wednesday or Thursday of this week. No word yet on pricing.

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.

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.

Lakeland Theatre Company: 12 Angry Jurors

June 17, 18, 24, 25 & 26



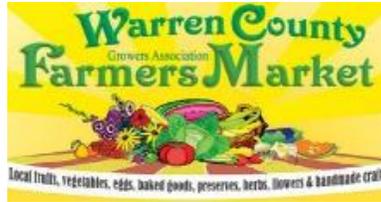
Lakeland Theatre Company will be presenting Twelve Angry Jurors directed by Ruth Morgan and her assistant director, Don Heagren. The audience will be in the jury room with the panel as they deliberate the guilt or innocence of the young man accused of murdering his father. If found guilty, the accused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

Don't Miss The Goodness This Saturday!



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.

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: 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 FoodWorks: Weekly Lunch Specials

Take Advantage of Their New Breakfast...

[Click here for full menu](#)

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.

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 continues their Breadshare pickup this Wednesday from 3:45 – 5:15! They'll also be bringing a variety of hearth baked bread and artisanal pastries for you to sample and buy. 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 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.
- **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!