



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?

Time For a Fond Farewell to Two of Our Community

I can remember it still after all these years...the very first time I realized how crucial people are to our happy memories of places. It was the second week of August 1982. I had just graduated from college in May and had decided to return to school and spend the weekend at my fraternity house with friends, really expecting everything to be exactly as I left it.

Now I didn't have an earth-shattering revelation, but almost from the moment I got there, I had a feeling something was missing. I looked around...same house from 3 months earlier...my old room looked the same...same front porch...I still knew everyone there...but something was different, not quite complete.

On the drive back to Monroe that Sunday night I had time to think it over. Why didn't I get that old feeling during my visit? Had I changed that much in just 3 months away? Slowly it dawned on me: the house was there...the downtown was there...the campus was there...our favorite restaurants were there...BUT...10-12 people who had been a part of all of those places *weren't* there. They were off on the next chapter of their lives. It seemed that my memories of times and places were not complete without each and every one of the people who had been there at the time. My favorite places would still be there, but I knew there would always be a little something missing each time I visited.

I pass along this story as my way of beginning to say Farewell this week to two very important people to life here in Warren County.

First, please join me in saying Farewell to Betsy Haynes of First Citizens Bank. On Thursday Betsy will retire after 43 years in banking here in Warrenton. Now the names on the banks have changed over those years...this bank was at the other end of Main Street and it was bought by that bank and Betsy worked there. Then a number of years later that bank became part of First Citizens Bank and they moved to North Main Street and Betsy worked there. Through it all, Betsy was there for thousands of customers over the years!

I met Betsy last September when I took the job at the Chamber. Since our business account is at First Citizens Bank I got to see her on a regular basis. I immediately noticed that Betsy (and every other person in the bank) knew each customer as they walked in the door. She greeted them, smiled, helped them with their banking and then more often than not had a

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Upcoming Member Events

Warren FoodWorks
Wednesday 29 June
3:45 – 5:15 pm
BreadShare Pickups

Warren FoodWorks
Thursday 30 June
7:00pm
Free "Thirty One" Bingo

Warren FoodWorks
Friday 1 July
7:00pm – 9:00pm
First Friday Poetry Night

Farmers' Market 2016
Saturday 2 July
8am - Noon
BB&T Parking Lot

quick conversation about family or something going on in the community. I had missed the personal touch in banking that I remembered from growing up, but was so glad to find it alive and well here in Warren County.

Betsy, please know that you will be missed by customers and co-workers alike at First Citizens. Here's wishing you the best of times in your retirement. May it be a long and happy one! Enjoy lots of time with your family and doing whatever else makes you happy. I look forward to seeing you in the coming years around Warren County!

Now our second Farewell is to someone else at First Citizens Bank, Branch Manager, Laura Hight. Laura won't be retiring; however, Thursday is also her last day here in Warren County as she'll be moving at the request of the company to take the same position at the First Citizens in Bunn.

Laura has led the bank here for the past 6 years. More importantly for me, she has been key in the role she has filled for The Chamber of Commerce of Warren County and our community as a whole. Laura has been the President of the Chamber's Board of Directors for a number of years. After long days helping her customers she has found time to help ensure that the Chamber maintained its role in promoting Warren County businesses.

Since September, I can't tell you how many times I've said over the phone, via email or in person..."Hey, Laura: "...who is the person to..."; "...what should we do for the Annual Meeting...?"; "...how does this work...?"; "...what should we do when..."? Scores of times when I didn't have a clue where to begin finding the answers, Laura has always been there with a quick answer and a reliable solution.

This is a great move for Laura in many ways. For Bunn, it will allow her to take her banking skills, but more importantly, her customer skills and help make that branch a vibrant part of their community. I wouldn't be surprised at all to find Laura in a month or two getting involved with their Chamber of Commerce and bringing them the value of her experience.

Laura, on behalf of The Chamber of Commerce of Warren County, our member businesses, the customers of First Citizens Bank and the business community as a whole in Warren County, thank you for your time, your energy, your vision and your warm spirit. We are fortunate that you have been a part of this community for 6 years. Please know that you are always welcome back for a visit and we expect to see you in Warrenton often over the coming years. Thank you!

So...I really don't like goodbyes, but please join me in wishing both Betsy and Laura the best of luck in this next phase of their lives. After Thursday, First Citizens Bank will still be there at the corner of Main Street & Fairview in Warrenton – the Chamber will still be at 130 North Main Street and involved in our community – both still full of wonderful people and doing great things. Just a note though, on Friday, if you happen to notice a little something missing, well that's just the fond memories & great friendship left by two important people in this home we call Warren County.

---Craig

Warren County Historical Tidbits: The Norlina Hotel

A Grand Part of Norlina for 115 Years

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It seems like I've been fascinated by old hotels for as long as I can remember. The elegance, the craftsmanship, the uniqueness of each one...but also maybe the bygone eras they represented, all captured me. When my work life used to revolve around constant travel I would pick a hotel from the 30's, 20's or earlier every time over a new fashion palace.

So, on our first trip to Warren County more than 2 years ago, it's not surprising that in driving through Norlina, I immediately noticed the fading paint spelling out "HOTEL NORLINA," with remnants of old neon tubes, standing on top of a regal brick hotel among the oaks. I had a feeling that it dated to the heyday of US 1 as a major north/south route if not earlier. The history I've learned since then has been more interesting than I ever imagined.

Now to begin our story, you may be surprised to learn that the Hotel Norlina has not always stood in its current location...in fact it was several hundred yards away until 1930 – well, sort of...but more on that in just a minute...I'm getting ahead of myself.

Thanks to a wonderfully researched and detailed paper written for a North Carolina History class in 1983 by **Susan Frazier**, we have a complete history of this hotel from its birth sometime in 1901 thru the 1980s. With the official founding of Norlina still 12 years away the original Hotel Norlina was built next to the railroad tracks on land leased from the Seaboard Air Line Railway to serve its passengers traveling thru Ridgeway Junction.



*1*Hotel Norlina in 1927, built 1901,
courtesy of Roost Crossroads Antiques.

Mr. Thomas Gresham and his brother built the wood frame hotel which was considered quite elaborate for the day. 30 rooms, a huge lobby with a marble fireplace and a spacious dining room were capped with an unheard of bathroom in both the upstairs and downstairs. The Hotel Norlina was already a treasure for travelers and local residents.

As World War I opened for the United States in 1917 the hotel, and Norlina, became an important resource for our troops riding thru to camps or debarkation points in New York City. At one point during the War, the owners of the Hotel received a wire that in 48 hours a troop train with 1,000 soldiers would be stopping in Norlina for box lunches. Nancy Terrell, who ran the Hotel then, organized townspeople in an assembly line to help cook, pack and then distribute those box lunches to every soldier on the train.

As peace returned and the Roaring 20's played out several different owners continued to run the Hotel Norlina until 1930 when it was sold to the

Whitteds. They decided to tear down the hotel and move it to a grove of trees on the nearby US 1 (its current location).

Here's where I jumped the gun earlier in our story...

The Whitteds hired Peco Reid from Warrenton and 10-15 men. They took the original Hotel Norlina apart, board-by-board, nail-after-nail, pipe-upon-pipe and carried it 200 yards to US1 and began to build. They built the front section and the left wing of rooms and found they had so much lumber left that they added a right wing giving the current Hotel its u-shape outline. The only thing they had to buy for the new hotel was brick, mortar and roofing.

So, it was moved...but piece by piece instead of as a whole building!



The late 30's and 40's saw the Hotel Norlina in its prime. A soda shop was added to the hotel in 1936 and quickly became the place to be for Norlina's teenagers. Hundreds of people came through weekly via train and car. Celebrities like Amelia Earhart, Randolph Scott, Mary Martin, Judy Canova and General Dwight D. Eisenhower & wife, Mamie, called the Hotel Norlina home for a brief visit.

But as the country settled down into life again after World War II, a series of owners and changing times saw fewer and fewer people stopping at the grand Hotel Norlina. After 3 generations, in 1966 the owners took care of their final guests and sold the hotel to Theo & Ernest Hecht. The Hechts turned it into a hardware store as well as a local museum that operated for years and helped preserve the grand old hotel for us today.

What's next for this elegant reminder of life in Warren County 100 years ago? I have no idea, but here's hoping someone has the idea and the spark to bring the entire building back to life. I have a feeling it still has a few more years to give to us here.

My thanks to Mary Lib Taylor for the priceless information and history she has given me. I'd also like to thank Mayor Dwight Pearce & Mrs. Cliffie Burrows of Roost Crossroads Antiques for their use of the pictures and information. And finally, my thanks again to Susan Frazier who's 1983 paper made telling this story 1000 times easier.

If you'd like to see more about the Hotel Norlina, please take a few minutes to watch this piece done by WRAL's Tarheel Traveler on 2 March 2010: <http://www.wral.com/lifestyles/travel/video/7149517/>

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

"Warren County Historical Tidbits" is a project of The Chamber of Commerce of Warren County.

Babysitting Clinic From Warren County 4-H

Thursday 30 June

Thanks to the Warren County 4-H and the NC Cooperative Extension, a one-day babysitting clinic will be offered for anyone ages 10 -17 on Thursday 30 June. Participants will spend the day gaining knowledge about starting their own babysitting business, how to care for babies, toddlers, basic first aid and more. Upon completion each participant will receive a babysitter's starter kit.

The Clinic runs from 9:00am – 3:00pm and lunch will be provided. The registration fee of \$25 is due by June 28 via cash or checks made payable to Warren County 4-H. A limited number of scholarships are available.

The Babysitting Clinic will be held at the Warren County Cooperative Extension Center, 158 Rafters Lane in Warrenton. For more information, please call Crystal Smith, County Extension Director and 4-H Agent at 252-257-3640 or email at cmsmith2@ncsu.edu .

Summer Meals For Youths: Volunteers Needed

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110 E. Macon St
Warrenton, NC 27589
(252)257-7117 www.quiltlizzy.com

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Would you be willing to help for half a day?

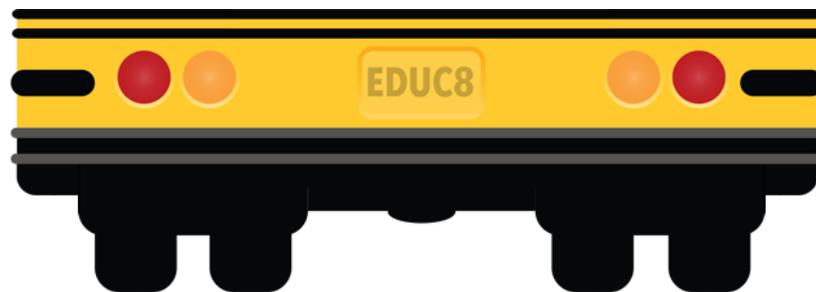
Warren County Schools will offer meals free of charge to local youth in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade at nine sites this summer. The program is designed to ensure that youth up to age 18 don't go hungry when school is not in session.

Schedule of sites

- Warren County Training School/North Warren High School Alumni & Friends Association, Inc., 430 Paschall Station Rd., Wise, serving breakfast and lunch Mondays-Fridays, June 20-July 9. For more information, call 252-456-0076.
- Zion United Methodist Church, 143 Zion Church Rd., Norlina, in the Oine community, serving dinner at 5 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, June 20-Aug. 12.
- Norlina United Methodist Church, 401 U.S. Hwy. 1, Norlina, serving lunch at 12:30 p.m., Mondays-Fridays June 27-Aug. 12.
- Macon Second Baptist Church, 299 Old Macon Hwy., Macon, serving breakfast and lunch Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, June 20-Aug. 12. For more information, call 252-257-5570.
- Whites Grove Christian Church, 328 St. Tammany Rd., Norlina, serving breakfast and lunch Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 20-July 28. For more information, call 252-456-3818.
- Oak Chapel AME Church, 219 E. Macon St., Warrenton, serving breakfast and lunch Mondays-Fridays, July 6-29. For more information, call 252-257-6677.
- Cooks Chapel Baptist Church, 119 Cooks Chapel Rd., Warrenton, in the Warren Plains community, serving dinner Mondays-Fridays, June 27-July 15. For more information, call 252-257-4450.
- Union Grove Baptist Church, 6763 Vicksboro Rd., Henderson (Warren County), serving dinner Mondays-Fridays, July 18-29. For more information, call 252-492-9433.
- Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1258 Cole Farm Rd., Warrenton, near Wise, breakfast and lunch served Mondays-Fridays, June 20-Aug. 12. For more information, call 252-456-3583."

By: Luci Weldon from the Warren Record.

Please call 252-257-7117 or email us at info@quiltlizzy.com if you would be interested in volunteering for half a day.



Independence Day Celebrations

Food, Fun & Fireworks!

If you're looking for a unique and wholeheartedly American way to celebrate Independence Day this year, then we have great choices for you in Warren County this weekend.

First up is the **Independence Day Celebration in Wise**. Due to the construction work on I-85 the DOT would not allow US 1 to be closed down for the annual Wise 4th of July parade this year. That doesn't mean there won't be plenty of celebrating, food and fun though. This Saturday, July 2, head up (or down) US 1 to Wise and the Wise Baptist Church for the 2016 Independence Day Celebration from 10am until 2pm.

You can count on music from Deep Creek Band as well as Jonathan Abbott. While you enjoy the music you and your family can wander the grounds for food, games, vendors and more! Last year was our first year attending and it was outstanding. My favorite part of this is the homemade ice cream...a perfect way to cool off and enjoy time with your neighbors.

After you've taken a break and let the ice cream and hot dogs settle, it's time to head for Lake Gaston and the Eaton Ferry Bridge area for incredible fireworks! The **Lake Gaston Annual Fireworks** display is Saturday, July 2 at dark at the Eaton Ferry Bridge. It's an event that draws boats from east and west of the bridge by the hundreds as well as plenty of us who watch from land. And depending on your preference for the best spot, you may leave home early enough to be up by the bridge. It's definitely an experience you won't soon forget.

The fireworks are provided courtesy of the great men and women of the Longbridge Volunteer Fire Department who organizes this event. Since they rely on donations to fund the fireworks display, if you'd like to support them, donations can be made by check. Please mail them to Longbridge VFD, 1678 Eatons Ferry Road, Littleton NC 27850, Memo: Fireworks.

For more information you can contact Robert Haislip (252) 532-3543 or Bruce Dunlevy (252) 532-5225.

Back To School Uniform Expo

14 July at Warren County Middle School



Getting ready for school just got a little easier with Warren County Schools' Uniform Expo. Come out to Warren County Middle School from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 14 to get your child's uniform essentials from area vendors, and stick around to get information from local agencies and organizations to support your family's success.

You can also win prizes in the Back To School Raffle! Choose from approved colors and styles all in one place...

Students from each of the district's schools will model uniforms plus lots of music and free food.

Save the date and send your children back to school in style. For more information, call **252-257-3184**.

Loaves & Fishes Desperately Needs Your Help

Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays

The Loaves & Fishes Ministries does so much for our neighbors in need here in Warren County. Now they find themselves in dire need of your help. Volunteers are needed immediately to help with unloading food deliveries and preparing food boxes for clients. Volunteers are mainly needed during the hours of 9am – 4pm on Mondays & Wednesdays as well as 9am – Noon on Tuesdays.

Any amount of time will be greatly appreciated. If you can help, please show up at the food pantry on one of the above days. You may also call 252-257-1160 for more information.

Loaves & Fishes is located at 538 W. Ridgeway Street in Warrenton behind the Health Department.

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.

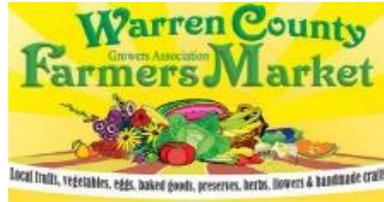
Sizes available include Small, Medium, Large, Xtra Large and Xtra Xtra Large. Pricing for the Small through XL is \$12 and just \$13 for XXL. Other sizes can be available through special order. Stop by Town Hall and help us promote the Town.



And, now from **Carolina Images**, Warrenton hats are here to show off your local pride and keep the sun off. Just \$15 and the hat is yours.

Warren County Growers Association Farmers Market

Don't Miss The Goodness This Saturday!



Join your neighbors at the Warren County Farmers Market 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.

You may hear a bell now at the market! Someone heard we wanted to celebrate when one of our vendors "sell out" and donated a brass bell to ring.

More great items are being added weekly as more and more crops ripen! Just added last week... **Peppers:** Green peppers, Light and dark purple peppers, Light yellow peppers, Jalapeno peppers. **Plants:** Hibiscus plants, Day lilies, Angel Trumpet plants. **Jellies and Jams** - All made this year: Peach/Plum, StrawberryGrape, and Plum. **Fruit:** Plums, Blueberries, Blackberries

What's available at your Farmers Market?

- Bluebird houses
- Local honey
- Farm fresh eggs
- Marinades and sauces
- Jams and Jellies - possibly
- Baked Goods - Returning soon!
- Vegetables
 - Spring collards
 - Rutabaga - something NEW for our market! Thanks to Mr. Dillahunt.
 - Cabbage - Pointy head, savoy and traditional
 - Swiss chard
 - Green tomatoes
 - Green beans/snaps
 - Spring onions
 - Beets
 - Purple peppers
 - Carrots
 - Yellow squash
 - Light green zucchini
 - Dark green Zucchini
 - Zen - A green with a lettuce, spinach, and collard flavor
 - New potatoes

Dog Treats

Cheddar and Apple - Mostly organic

Crunchy Peanut Butter - All organic

Chicken Jerky

* No additives, salt or sugar



And more surprises!!!

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 take advantage of...

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: 20% off select furniture. We've bought a number of pieces from Rose...you'll love the selection and the authentic antique furniture.

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: 25% off Men's Select Aloha Shirts and 25% off Women's Leggings.

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 Goings-On

Take Advantage of Their New Breakfast...

[Click here for full menu](#)

Weekly Specials

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

Carrot Ginger Soup (2.95/4.95)

Served warm or chilled, Vegan, dollop of sour cream available upon request
Featuring carrots from Danylu of G&D Produce

Collard and Provolone (2.95/4.95)

Featuring collards from Jeff Bender of Bender Farms Produce, Ashe County Provolone Cheese, and eggs from Five Crows at Lickskillet

Pasta Salad with Cucumbers, Squash, & Tomatoes (2.95/6.95, add Ham \$1)

Featuring cucumbers from Proctor Farms, squash and purple peppers from G&D Produce and tomatoes from Franklin Brothers Nursery

New Retail Item!

FoodWorks is now offering LuckyLike Dog Treats! These treats were created as wholesome, non-toxic, and satisfying treats for your best friend.

LuckyLike Treats are made with love in small batches by CherryGal (Deborah Phillips) in Warrenton. Stop by and see the selection this week, we'll have Chicken Jerky, Apple Cheddar Biscuits, and Crunchy Peanut Butter Biscuits for sale in our retail refrigerator.

Breakfast Sandwiches

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

Local Baker, Susan Long, is joining our staff to bake bread for our breakfast and lunch sandwiches. Come in this week and try our new breads!

Denise Allen will still be stocking the bakery case with her delicious treats. This week we will have lemon pound cake, chocolate pound cake, and a host of other specialties.

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.

2016 ALPHA South Leadership Institute

Local Youths Attend

On June 15, 2016, twenty-one area youths traveled to Savannah State University in Savannah, Georgia to participate in the four day 2016 Leadership Development Citizenship Education institute (LDCEI). These area youth were sponsored by the Rho Beta Lambda Chapter, seated in Henderson, NC. For the 3rd consecutive year, Rho Beta Lambda sponsored

the largest cohort of any Alpha chapter in North Carolina. Students attending from Warren County High School, Warrenton, NC were: Asia Baskerville; Centri'cia Davis; Darauna Davis; Alani Hargrove, Regine Palmer; Amber Steed; Jarrett Brake; Ron Davis, II; Nijah Durham; Jeffrey Hayes; Gregory Lewis; Stanley McGrady; Zacchaeus Marrow; Matthew Mayes; Malik Williams. Angel Gilchrist, a rising ninth grader, was a participant from Warren County Middle School, Warrenton NC. Additionally, students from Vance & Franklin Counties as well as New Bern attended.

Brother Dennis Snead, Chapter Secretary and Chapter LDCEI Chairperson, and Brother Dante Sellers, a 2012 Film/Theater Major Alumnus of Saint Augustine's University and Sales Manager at Macy's in Buford, GA, were the chaperones for the Rho Beta Lambda Cohort.



The Rho Beta Lambda Cohort joined 138 other students from the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and

Tennessee on the campus of Savannah State University. For over 38 years, the LDCEI has served as an incubator for future scholars, accomplished professionals, and community leaders. The purpose of the program is rooted in the mission of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. to "develop leaders, promote brotherhood and academic excellence, while providing service and advocacy for our communities."

Over the four day period, students attended sessions focusing on "Responsibility & Relationships", "It's A Different World - Go To High School; Go to College Workshops", "Leadership Development" & a keynote speech by Brother Jay Bailey of the Phoenix Leadership Foundation. Later that evening, the students were given small group tours of Savannah State University.

Friday and Saturday saw more seminars as well as an African-American tour of Savannah which included visits to River Street, a slave vault on the river bank, First African Baptist Church (oldest African Baptist Church that was constructed by African Americans in the country), Haitian Monument, as well as, Franklin Square adjacent to First African Baptist Church for lunch.

There were 159 student essays that were submitted as part of the application process for the 2016 Leadership Institute and were adjudicated

for the writing competition. Making the list of 15 finalists from the cohort representing Rho Beta Lambda Chapter were the following: Ron Davis, II; Zacchaeus Marrow, Joshua Hargrove, Malik Williams, Khyree Roberts, and Jarrett Brake. Two of the Rho Beta Cohort competed in the Poetry Contest: Regine Palmer and Amari Gilliard. Regine Palmer received the first place trophy after the competition ended. Three of the Rho Beta Cohort competed in the Talent Show: Darauna Davis, 4th place with her snare drum solo; Jarrett Brake, 5th place with his piano medley; and Khyree Roberts, with a piano solo. One student - Stephon Bryant, representing Rho Beta Lambda, competed in the Oratorical Competition.

Any interested student or parents, with children between rising 9th graders and rising 12th graders with academic prowess and demonstrated leadership involvement, who are interested in inquiring about the 2017 LDCEI, should contact Brother Dennis Snead via email at 1906rbl@gmail.com.

On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!: Warren County Memorial Library

June 24 - August 4

Readers of all ages will explore all things sports and fitness this summer as Warren County Memorial Library kicks off the 2016 Summer Reading Program, "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!" **The official launch was this past Friday; however, you can still join in for the remaining fun and reading!**

During the 7 week Summer Reading Program, participants will be encouraged to exercise their bodies and minds as they explore science and art projects, see amazing showcases of animals and magic, participate in a variety of exciting events, and ---of course---read! All Warren County residents are invited to attend programs and events designed to keep them reading, learning, and entertained throughout the summer. There is something for everyone! Featured programs include Steel Drum Lessons with Wilton Dubois, Sears Bugg's Turtles and Trains, and Leather Quilting by Cathy Wiggins.

Whether keeping track of the number of books they read, visiting the library, attending special programs, or volunteering, students who participate in the Summer Reading Program keep their minds active and enter school in the fall ready to learn and succeed. The 2016 Summer Reading Program is free and open to all people, preschool through adult, with programs, story times, a reading club and more. Top readers will earn cash prizes and program attendees could win one of several bikes or other door prizes. The grand prize drawing for a laptop computer at the closing program will be open to all registered readers.

Library Director, Cheryl Reddish and her entire staff are excited about this year's summer reading program. "We are ready to race into an exciting

summer," said Mary Bullock, the youth services librarian. Reddish shares her appreciation for the many library sponsors, especially the Friends of the Warren County Memorial Library, volunteers and parents. "Thank you for your support as we partner with local businesses and organizations to invest in the future of Warren County," she said. Parents and guardians are reminded to adhere to the library's child safety policy. For more information, call the library at (252)257-4990 or visit our website, www.wcmlibrary.org.

Readers from preschool through adult will celebrate our theme, "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read," with related stories, programs, crafts, games and more. **Registration began June 24 (but you can still participate)** featuring Smokey the Bear, special guests, and a performance by "The Balloon Lady," Donna Pruett. Come and enjoy the fun! It's all FREE and Open to the Public! READ! READ! READ!

Children - "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read"

Enjoy summer reading events that include story hours, magic shows, movies, and a visit from the NC Museum of Natural Sciences.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

July 12 Halfway Reading Celebration (10 am - 4 pm)

August 1 Last Day to Report Books for Top Reader Prizes

August 4 Closing Celebration: "The Balloon Lady," Top Readers, Grand Prize Drawings, Refreshments. (4 pm)

*June 30: Kids' Crafts and Fun 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

July 5: Paws 2 Read 4 pm - 5 pm

*July 6: Ty-Rone's World, Ventriloquism Show 1 pm - 2 pm

*July 11: Family Movie - The Peanuts Movie 11 am - 12:30 pm G

*July 12: NC Museum of Natural Science: Growing Up in the Animal World 12 pm - 1 pm

July 13: Daycare Movie Day - Sesame Street Be a Good Sport 10:30 am - 11:30 am NR

*July 16: Family Movie - Air Bud 11 am - 12:45 pm PG

*July 18: Family Movie - Angelina Ballerina: Discover Your Love of Dance 11 am - 12:00 pm NR

July 19: Nursery Rhyme Time 10:30 am - 11:00 am

July 19: Paws 2 Read 4 pm - 5 pm

*July 22: The Polka Man, Mike Schneider 2 pm - 3 pm

*July 25: Family Movie - Jungle Shuffle 11am - 12:30 pm NR

*July 26: Sciencetellers: Power-n-Energy 2 pm - 3 pm

July 27: Daycare Movie Day - Sesame Street Play & Learn 10:30 am - 11:30 am NR

*July 28: Kids' Crafts and Fun 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

*August 2: Turtles and Trains, Sears Bugg 2 pm - 3 pm

***Lunch provided by Warren County School Summer Meals for Kids**

TEENS

Steel Drum Lessons, Wilton Dubois

*July 7, 14, 21, 28:

1:00 - 1:45 & 2:15 - 3:00 (Registration required)

Teen Games and Coloring

*July 21: 3 pm - 4 pm

Teen Book Club

*July 5, 26: 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm

ADULTS

June 29: Local Book Talk, *My Solider Man* Misty Buchanan 12 pm - 1 pm

June 30: Beth's Tasty Home 12 pm - 1 pm

July 1: Creed 11 am - 1:15 pm PG-13

July 8: Afternoon Tea with the BBC: Her Majesty

Mrs. Brown 12:30 pm - 2 pm PG

July 13: Coloring for Adults 11 am - 12 pm

July 15: Friday Films: Hoosiers 12 pm - 1:45 pm PG

July 20: Books, Brew and You 10:30 am

July 20: Leather Quilting by Cathy Wiggins 3 pm - 6 pm

July 27: Coloring for Adults 11 am - 12 pm

July 29: Friday Films: McFarland USA 12 pm - 2:15 pm PG

Warren County Government Info Board

Stay Up To Date With Your County

Here's the latest on upcoming meetings, events and other important dates from Warren County Government:

Notice is hereby given of the Warren County Emergency Services Headquarters Facility Building Design Committee Meeting. The meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday, **July 6, 2016**, at 4:00 p.m., in the Armory Civic Center, Meeting Room B, 501 US Hwy. 158 Business, East, Warrenton, NC.

The meeting is being held for the purpose of developing and recommending to the Warren County Board of Commissioners a proposed building design and construction budget for the Emergency Services Headquarters Facility that will be constructed on property owned by Warren County located off of US Hwy. 158 By-Pass, Warrenton, NC. For more information, please contact:

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Post Office Box 619
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Warrenton, NC 27589
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LindaWorth@warrencountync.gov

**Warren County Memorial Library:
(Every Monday Friends of the Library Book Sale)**

If you're looking for a full list of upcoming events, click on "Community News" under "County Commissioners" on the County website:
http://warrencountync.com/_fileUploads/forms/728_DOC061316-06132016110540.pdf

Lake County Sheriffs to Talk at LGA Meeting

6 July at 9:30am

The July 6 LGA monthly meeting at 9:30 a.m. will feature the Sheriffs from all five Lake Gaston counties: Sheriff Brian Roberts (Brunswick), Sheriff Bobby Hawkins (Mecklenburg), Sheriff Jack Smith (Northampton), Sheriff Johnny Williams (Warren), and Sheriff Wes Tripp (Halifax).

Each will give a brief overview of the county law enforcement and areas where you may be affected. This is a rare opportunity for us to receive an update on county matters and ask questions or get clarification of your individual concerns. Come join us for what will be an important and informative meeting.

The meeting will be held at the Lake Gaston Baptist Church located on Hwy. 903, 1 mile north of Eaton Ferry Bridge, across from the Subway Restaurant.

The meeting will also provide an opportunity to get caught up on the various activities that the LGA Committees – Public Safety, Lake Environment, Government Relations, Marketing and Membership and Lake Clean-Up – are working on.

Got a lake-related issue or concern that the LGA should be working on? There will be time allotted on the agenda to present those concerns to the LGA Board.

The meeting is open to the public, members and non-members alike, so gather up your neighbors and come join the LGA.

For more information contact (252) 586-6577 or 1-888-586-6577 or info@lakegastonassoc.com.

Lakeland Theatre Company: Aladdin!

Begins 15 July

Lakeland Theatre Company Presents Disney's Aladdin, Jr. July 15th, 16th at 8:00pm, 17th at 2:30pm, 22nd & 23rd at 8:00pm. This show is presented by the participants in Lakeland's Youth Workshop and is sure to send audiences soaring on a flying carpet ride filled with romance and adventure.

When Aladdin vies for the attention of the beautiful Princess Jasmine, he uses a genie's magic power to become a prince in order to marry her. Disney's Aladdin, Jr., a musical adventure filled with magic, mayhem and the power of love.

Tickets can be purchased through our website www.lakelandtc.org or by calling 252 -586-3124. Tickets are just \$16.00 for Adults & \$9.00 for Students.

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 FoodWorks.** Free, "Thirty One" Bingo! Come to FoodWorks for a fun night of bingo this Thursday at 7:00pm! All are invited, and the event is free. All prizes will be "Thirty One" gift products.
 - **Warren FoodWorks.** From 7:00 – 9:00pm join your friends and neighbors at FoodWorks for First Friday Poetry Night. You can count on a magical night of poetry, art, music, and community spirit!
 - **Warrenton Animal Clinic.** June Promotion: See the Difference! During the month of June, we are offering a complimentary fecal test 3 weeks after your purchase of dewormer. We want you to see the difference that you have made for your dog! See website for details: <http://www.warrentonanimalclinic.com/promotions>
 - **Lakeland Theatre.** August 6th beginning at 8:00pm, Larry Cox, Singer/Songwriter will be returning to Lakeland's Cabaret Stage with Country Classics and Originals. This is not part of the Lakeland's Member Package, but tickets are only \$10.00 for this show and can be purchased by calling 252 586 3124 ext. 3 or by visiting on us the web at www.LakelandTC.org. Lakeland is located at 411 Mosby Avenue, Littleton, NC.
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