



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?

Celebrate Our Wins...No Matter The Size

One of the earliest lessons I learned once I entered the workplace full time was to celebrate **every victory**, no matter how small, because waiting for the "big win" to celebrate made for too many discouraging days. With that lesson in mind – please join me as I strike up the band, unfurl the flags and start the march down Main Street to celebrate a previously unmatched record: the flowers I planted outside the Chamber Office exactly 5 weeks ago today are still alive!

And they're not only alive, but they are thriving!



Now for many of you I'm sure that isn't a major accomplishment; however, you have to understand that I have tried to add some sort of plant to my offices for roughly the past 20 years. I started off with every good intention, but every single time by this point in time I was staring at a mostly brown, sickly looking former plant that was ready for the dumpster.

So, while I'm far from an accomplished gardener now, at least I have succeeded in brightening up my little portion of Main Street Warrenton so far.

What was different this time? Well, actually it was pretty simple. I started with good, healthy plants from **Crossroads Nursery** here in Warren County. More importantly, I asked their advice for the right kind of plants for my location. And finally, the first thing I do each and every morning (except after one of our Biblical rainstorms) is to water each pot. See, before I was in a plant and forget mode...too busy to be bothered with a 30 second watering every day, I watched each plant in my office slowly wither away because I was "too busy" for the basics.

Now, enough silliness (but thank you for indulging my Tuesday celebration!) and on to a victory we can all celebrate.

Last week two people from the new Sam's Club in Wake Forest stopped by my office selling business memberships. After they told me about their program – and I told them about the benefits of joining our Chamber – it was almost lunch so they had to go. But before they left, Jack, thanked me for my time and said, "You know, we have been traveling all over this part of North Carolina for the past several months, mainly stopping in

- Warren County Info Board
- Lake Gaston Association Meeting
- Lakeland Theatre: Aladdin!
- What's Going On With Chamber Members?

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Upcoming Member Events

Warren FoodWorks
Wednesday 6 July
3:45 – 5:15 pm
BreadShare Pickups

Warren FoodWorks
Saturday 9 July
7:00pm
Music Jam with Ray Henderson & Friends

Farmers' Market 2016
Saturday 9 July
8am - Noon
BB&T Parking Lot

every small town on every highway. And for the most part, each town we go to seems to be just a shadow of its former self. The businesses are tired and not growing. But I can't get over how vibrant the business community is here in Warrenton! It really is amazing."

Fantastic! You hope that visitors to our towns and county will see the great things, but we rarely know...comments like this are just what we want to hear. I told him that one of the keys was that our business owners are passionately involved in their businesses. They're not just a place to spend 8, 10, or 12 hours a day...our owners really enjoy what they do and enjoy helping their customers. In fact, I can attest, that from the very first time I went to each of the businesses I now frequent here in Warren County, you would have thought I was their long-time neighbor just stopping by for the 100th time.

And as I thought about my surviving flowers over the weekend, it occurred to me that the things that have kept them alive are the exact same things that are keeping our businesses in Warren County vibrant. Each business I can think started with something that the owners had both an interest in and great knowledge of – quilts, hardware, insurance, office supplies or delicious food. Then each of them has tailored their business for just **this** community and our residents. And most importantly, each and every day they spend most of their time on the little basics that make their customers happy and send the message, "HEY...things are thriving here in Warren County!"

Please join me in celebrating the small victory of a great impression on a visitor last week and the wonderful businesses he experienced by making an extra trip to see our local businesses this week. One more milkshake bought, another garden hose picked up or a new little antique we've had our eye on is the best way I can think of to thank them. And I have a feeling that as more people see business blooming here in Warren County, they'll want to join us and add their own planting to our garden.

---Craig

Warren County Historical Tidbits: Shady Oaks 1812

How To Bring Life to a 200-year-old Farm

Next time you have an occasion to drive out of Warrenton on Baltimore Road, if there's not much traffic that day, do me a favor if you will. About ¾ of a mile past the Warren County Landfill, you'll see a large grove of pines on the left, followed by a line of very old cedars. Start slowing down to about 15 and roll down the windows. Listen to the birds, the bugs and the breeze and then to your left you'll see one of Warren County's originals, Shady Oaks. I drove in like that last week and it was almost like approaching this home 100 or more years ago in a simpler and much quieter time. And *that* living history & the home's long-life is the focus of my story this week.

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You've no doubt heard me pass along Al Fleming's magnificent quote comparing the excellent reproductions in Williamsburg to our multitude of historical homes here in Warren County, "We *live* in the *Originals*." Shady Oaks is just one example of the scores of homes in Warren County that fit that quote to a tee. We'll visit more of them over the coming

weeks.

As I drove onto the property to meet with Megan and Matt and learn more about their home, I passed a Horse Barn on the right ca. 1900 (Megan said that a nephew of the builder's from New York loved fox hunting and built it for his horses on his visits); next to it a Tobacco Packing House ca. 1937; then on the left The Bidly House (no date, but the notched log construction would seem to make it a product of the 1800s); a little closer to the house a Tobacco Sorting House from 1943 and best of all, a Smoke House from 1812. As I looked around – with the exception of the power lines and cars – I could have easily been riding up to a farm house in 19th Century Warren County. Well, except I didn't see any animals...yet.

"We want to bring life back to it." Megan and Matt must have said that a dozen times during our conversation as they told me about their vision for Shady Oaks and what they want it to become. "We want to bring people to Warrenton to see it," they added. The key to this vision will be slowly adding in the elements that make it almost like a living history farm. The work on the grounds they've done to date is definitely helping move things towards their goal.

So, what about the history?

According to the [Shady Oaks 1812 Website](#), the home was built for tobacco planter, entrepreneur and civic leader, Robert Tines Cheek in about 1812. He lived there with his wife, Mary Hinton Alston, until his death in 1841.

Robert Cheek served as justice of the Warren County Court from 1804-13. His estate in 1812 totaled more than 3,000 acres likely stretching from the house location southeast to the current community of Inez. In fact, on the current Highway 58 south of Warrenton you'll find the Cheek House, the only known pre-Greek Revival brick home still standing in Warren County, built in the late 1700's. We'll explore that house and the connection in another story.

In addition to his other obligations, Robert Tine Cheek owned a number of properties in Warrenton, including The Eagle Tavern, a billiards room, stables and other property. The Eagle Tavern was noted in research as being Warrenton's first "official" hotel, opening on Main Street in 1821 according to a bond on file with the State Archives in Raleigh.

His plantation home of Shady Oaks passed to his wife on his death, then to their son, William Alston Cheek, upon her death in 1864. The home stayed in the family through William's nephew until about 1943 when it was sold.

Several notable owners in the past 30 years, David Peebles and John & Barbara Kennedy, have restored the house, Shady Oaks, and allowed us to look back over 200 years to see some of the grandeur of life in Warren County at that time.

But what about the animals you mentioned, Craig? Just getting to that. ☺



1 Mary Ann Twitty Palmer and her fabulous cow at Shady Oaks circa late 1800's

As with every great project, I have a feeling this will develop step by step over the coming years. Megan & Matt have broken the ice by bringing in Heritage Dominique chicks...the same breed I'm told they keep at Mount Vernon. If you follow them on their **Facebook Page**, then I'm sure you've seen posts about rare heritage cattle breeds lately. Maybe that's next or it may be some crops. That will be the fun of continuing to follow Shady Oaks into her 3rd century, now with a little more life coming back into the

historic farm.

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.

Welcome to our New Member: Citizens Insurance and Bonding

118 Years of Business in Warrenton

I met Rebecca Harris, President of **Citizens Insurance & Bonding**, via phone fully two months before we actually moved to Warrenton in August of 2014. We had to purchase insurance for our home prior to closing and our preference was to work with a local insurance agent. My wife spent some time online and ran across one website with a picture of the house we were buying on their site. Well, we figured if anybody would know about this house and could help us with the policy, Citizens Insurance might be it.

But the test was to come (in my mind) when I called this company. If the owner actually answered the phone, then I decided we would work with them. You see, for the 15 years we lived in Georgia, I never once spoke to the actual person-in-charge at the local insurance agency we worked with. He was always too busy and therefore we were relegated to assistants and temps to answer our questions.

I dialed and almost immediately, Rebecca answered. Once I confirmed that she was the person in charge and we could see her for any insurance questions, we became her clients. The personal touch and accessibility and just one of the things that make Rebecca and **Citizens Insurance and Bonding** an outstanding local business. Their website sums up their offerings best: "Established in 1898, **Citizens Insurance & Bonding Co., Inc.**, is a multi-line insurance agency, providing personalized insurance coverage for families and businesses, throughout Warren County, North Carolina including Warrenton, Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill, Rocky Mt., Wilson, Henderson, Oxford and Butner."

That about says it all! Though, I might add one little sentence..."**Citizens Insurance & Bonding** translates the confusing jargon and business of insurance into something that I can completely understand..."

Please join me in welcoming Rebecca and **Citizens Insurance & Bonding** to the Chamber of Commerce of Warren County. Stop by **their website** for complete information about their offerings.

Welcome to our New Member: Friends Two Milkshakes, Orangeade, Yarn, Cards, and Much More!

As I picked up the Chamber Membership Information form from Dee & Betty at **Friends Two** last week and looked at all of the different things they carry, I started trying to remember what first took me to this wonderful store. My initial thought...a handmade chocolate milkshake from their soda fountain! Had to be it. But no, because I remember going in there earlier for a graduation present (a frame for photo and tassel) for my nephew. That was it! Well wait...that was in May of last year and I distinctly remember going in even before that to get a Christmas present for my Mother...a cardinal figurine I had seen in the window. Yep, that was the first ti...wait just one more minute. A few months after we moved here I needed a very thoughtful card to send to a friend who lost their Mother, so I bet that was when I first visited Friends Two...except...for that hot day when I was unpacking our moving boxes and went there for a cold, delicious chocolate milkshake!

As you can see, Friends Two has so many different things, it's hard to remember it all without stopping by at least once a week. And I haven't even talked about the quilting supplies, sewing supplies and a wall full of every color yarn practically in the rainbow yet.

Please join me in welcoming **Friends Two** to the Chamber of Commerce of Warren County. And to celebrate, you might just consider stopping by this week for a fresh Orangeade and spend some time looking at everything they offer in one friendly store! You can also follow them on **Facebook** for the latest specials and news.

Welcome to our New Member: Sally Tidey, Realtor

With Coldwell Banker Advantage @ Lake Gaston

Sally and I met just a little over a week ago when she contacted the Chamber Office to find a local Lawn Care service for one of her clients who had just bought a home here in Warrenton. In the course of our email exchanges, she also asked about joining the Chamber of Commerce. With the Chamber info delivered, as well as contact info for a great local Lawn Care Service we decided to meet for lunch at Robinson Ferry to answer all questions and begin our business partnership.

Sally is a very talented Realtor with Coldwell Banker Advantage on Eaton Ferry Road at Lake Gaston. Looking to sell your home? Sally brings years of experience in real estate and the resources of a company like Coldwell Banker to your side. Time to buy a home or refer a friend or family member who wants to move to Warren County? Sally is ready and able to

guide them through the varied choices for homes we have here at the Lake, in our towns or in the country.

Please join me in welcoming Sally Tidey, Coldwell Banker Advantage, to our community of local businesses here in Warren County. Stop by her **personal website** for phone numbers, email address, listings and a simple form to contact her immediately. Welcome Sally!

Summer Meals For Youths: Volunteers Needed

Contact Quilt Lizzy



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

"Always Worth the Drive!"

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.

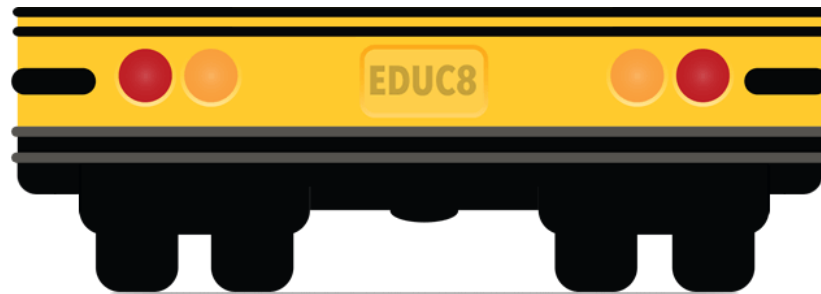
Schedule of sites

- 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 from 11:00am – 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.



Lickskillet Dog Grooming: Obedience Classes

Starts Saturday 23 July



I've never taken any of our dogs over the years to obedience training...I guess I figured they minded well enough. Well, enrolling in Lickskillet's last Obedience Class that began in May had me asking **why** I had never enrolled a dog, it was incredible!

From the very first lesson our dog, Gracie, was more attentive, listened to me and responded to basic commands. By the second lesson she sat on command and more. The best part of all, is that Doreen makes it so simple!



Now Doreen is offering Basic Obedience Lessons for your dog beginning Saturday, 23 July, 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 23 July, 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.

Warrenton Animal Clinic: July Special

Lyme Disease Vaccine Promotion



Warrenton
ANIMAL CLINIC

Vaccinate your dog for Lyme Disease during the month of July and receive \$5 off your total bill!

Awareness of Lyme Disease is on the rise, and so is the disease itself. It can prove crippling and even deadly to your dogs, but there is a vaccine that can protect them! Why wouldn't you give them that protection?

Now is the time to act. It's summer, it's hot, the ticks are everywhere. We also offer an affordable test for Lyme and other tick borne diseases, if you are concerned that your pet may have already been exposed. Call us at 252-257-0737 or submit an **appointment request form** today!

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.

More great items are being added weekly as more and more crops ripen!

In the latest word from **Danylu Hundley**, summertime is really blossoming at the market! Blackberries, plums, blueberries, eggplant, Rose of Sharon plants, fresh peach and plum jelly or jam, and zucchini muffins! Yes, **Tummy Pleasers (Cheryl Bell)** is back. Hooray! She will have cheese bread, muffins, cakes, and all of her yummy goodies! Lots of peppers will also be available with recipes! There will even be some CORN! What a wonderful morning is planned for our customers!

A partial listing of what's available:

- Bluebird houses
- Local honey
- Farm fresh eggs
- Marinades and sauces
- Jams and Jellies - Peach, peach/plum, plum, grape and more
- Day lilies
- Moon flower plants
- Rose of Sharon plants
- Plums
- Blueberries
- Blackberries
- Collards
- Rutabaga
- Cabbage - Pointy head, savoy and traditional
- Swiss chard
- Green tomatoes
- Green beans/snaps
- Onions
- Rattail radishes
- Beets
- Purple peppers
- Marconi peppers
- Jalapeno peppers
- Carrots
- Yellow squash
- Light green zucchini
- Dark green zucchini
- New potatoes
- Fingerling potatoes

****Bread Breads, Muffins, and Cakes - Come see what is available! Expect Cheese bread, chocolate, old-fashioned, and lemon cakes, muffins and a few extras!

Cat Treats

Organic Variegated Cat Grass Pots (seed and soil is organic)

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: 50% off select wind chimes! I can tell you there's nothing more relaxing than sitting on your porch and listening to those chimes...and they look great also.

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 Speed Zone Polo Shirts and Women's Cool Breeze Long Skirts.

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

Starting Next Week, New Hours & Afternoon Specials...

NOTE: Starting next week, Warren FoodWorks will begin new hours with new afternoon specials...stay tuned for more information.

[Click here for full menu](#)

Weekly Specials

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

Soup: Tomato Bisque (2.95/4.95)

Featuring tomatoes from Franklin Brothers Nursery

Quiche: 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

Side: Sautéed tomatoes, squash, and onions

Squash and onions from G&D Produce; 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.

It's Ridgeway Cantaloupe Festival Time!

Saturday 16 July 10am - 4pm

Less than two weeks away is our chance to celebrate the Pride of Ridgeway, the world-famous Ridgeway Cantaloupe! Join your friends and neighbors in Ridgeway from 10am - 4pm on Saturday, 16 July. This annual event presented by the Ridgeway Historical Society & the Ridgeway Volunteer Fire Department has something for everyone.

Cantaloupes, Brunswick Stew, hot dogs and festive refreshments. You'll find historical displays, kiddie rides, horseback rides, local entertainment and crafts for sale.

Now if you've never tried a Ridgeway Cantaloupe, you're in for a real treat. Our first experience, almost 2 years ago, came when a neighbor brought one by as a housewarming present. I can honestly say that I've never had a better cantaloupe. The taste...the texture...well it's hard to explain without giving you a cold slice to try.

And when we talk about Warren County treasures, Ridgeway Cantaloupes need to be in the list. Did you know that in the early part of the 20th Century:

- Ridgeway Cantaloupe was featured on the breakfast menu at New York's posh Waldorf Astoria Hotel.
- In the 1940's Seaboard Railway ran a fruit-hauling "cantaloupe special" train to cities in the Northeast in season.
- It's rumored that if you went to a parade in Boston or Philadelphia, half of the people in the crowd would be sitting on Ridgeway Cantaloupe crates.

Just a little of the history in store for you thanks to the Ridgeway Cantaloupe Festival. For more information, visit the [Ridgeway Historical Society's website](#).

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

Now Thru 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 earlier; 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 is open throughout the program.** 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)

*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

ADULTS

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
602 W. Ridgeway St.
Warrenton, NC 27589
(252)257-3115 (Office)
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.

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- **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.** Saturday night, July 9th, Join Ray Henderson and other local musicians for an informal jam. Come to play or just to listen! The music & fun start at 7:00pm.
 - **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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