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

Time To Catch Up On A Few Random Thoughts

Well, today I realized I had a few things to pass along that were short and sweet, so here are your "odds and ends"...

- **CORRECTION*:** In a recent Warren County Historical Tidbit, I incorrectly noted that Mansfield Franklin Thornton was an "assistant Register of Deeds" for Warren County. Actually, thanks to information from Mr. Howard Burchette, Jr. of Durham (Mr. Thornton's great-grandson), Mansfield Thornton was the Register of Deeds for Warren County from 1878 thru 1900. Mr. Burchette included a ton of interesting information about his great-grandfather that I'm going to save for an upcoming Tidbit about more notable Warren County residents.
- **Warrenton Animal Clinic:** HELP WANTED: Seeking EXPERIENCED VETERINARY TECHNICIAN to join our awesome team at Warrenton Animal Clinic! Full time preferred, part time considered. Please email resume to: admin@warrentonanimalclinic.com. Experience is a must, this is not an entry level position. Persons with no prior veterinary experience need not apply. Thank you!
- **Warren County Business Owners:** A question from our Board of Directors...in the past month, have you had to shop at businesses outside of Warren County and what was that item? Please send me an email at info@warren-chamber.org and I'll add them to my confidential list. Just compiling a list so that if newcomers to our county ask what businesses are needed, I can give them solid info based on your feedback.
- **Tidbit Ideas:** My thanks to everyone who is sending ideas through email, phone and in-person about topics for upcoming Historical Tidbits...keep 'em coming! Meanwhile, I thought I'd give you a preview of the stories for the next few weeks. Starting next week, Warrenton Golf Club, 1835 Brick Building on Main Street in Warrenton, Engleside/John White House & Annie Carter Lee Grave, The Norlina School (1916), Warrenton Male Academy & John Graham School, Oak Chapel AME Church (1866) Warrenton, Cheek House Inez, William Eaton House & The Springs...Shocco Springs, Jones Springs & Panacea Springs.
- **It's Back To School Time:** Warren Early College High School begins classes today, other county schools will start classes on the 29th...please watch out for school buses, kids waiting for buses and remember to slow down when you pass our schools.

- The Crossing At Lake Gaston
- John R. Hawkins Alumni Annual Affair
- Lakeland Theatre: Judy Hand Tribute
- What's Going On With Chamber Members?

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Enjoy the rest of your week!

---Craig

Warren FoodWorks Announcement

Susan Long to Assume Management & Operations



Working Landscapes is pleased to announce that **Lloyd's Bakery**, a venture of **FoodWorks** team member **Susan Long**, is going to take over the management and operations of FoodWorks café.

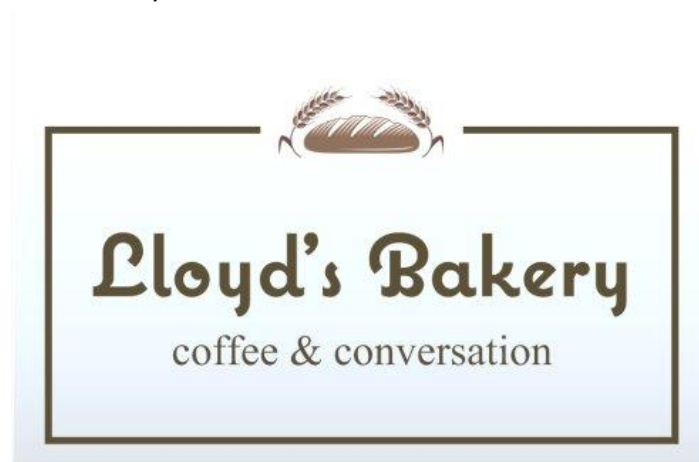
We are pleased to be able to support the launch of a new business in our community! Please join us in helping Susan make the bakery a success.

DURING THIS TRANSITION, FOODWORKS WILL BE CLOSED.

When Lloyd's opens, expect fresh breads and baked treats daily!

What won't change:

Delicious coffee and espresso drinks
 Beautiful café space
 Local farm products for sale
 Community events



Since 2014, FoodWorks has purchased produce, meat, and eggs from over fifty family farms in our region. Nearly 50% of the ingredients used in our kitchen have been grown, made, or processed locally. Local sourcing takes many different forms: depending on the day, we might be driving to Ridgeway to pick up a few bushels of melons and blackberries, picking our own squash in Macon, or herding pasture-raised cattle and hogs onto a trailer. It has always been about more than finding the highest quality ingredients, however; it has been about building relationships with people in our community and trying to benefit the local economy as much as we can.

Though the café's offerings will change when it is operating as Lloyd's, Working Landscapes' commitment to building farm-to-fork connections is as strong as ever. As always, local meats, eggs, and other farm products will be for sale in the café. Meanwhile, Working Landscapes will continue to

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Upcoming Member Events

Farmers' Market 2016
Saturday 13 August
8am - Noon
BB&T Parking Lot

Firehouse Biscuits & Burgers
Saturday 13 August
4:00pm - 9:00pm
Cruise-In

The Crossing @ Lake Gaston
Saturday 13 August
8:00am Registration
Eaton Ferry Bridge

use the FoodWorks kitchen, where we'll be developing tasty, locally-sourced food products. In the past year, our organization has provided healthy food from local farms to more than 60,000 people; going forward, we will continue to expand the ways that we serve both farmers and consumers across our region.

To those who have supported us in our journey so far: thank you. Please extend your support to Susan as well—she'll have delicious scratch-made breads and treats for you soon!

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.

Warren County Historical Tidbits: The Warrenton Post Office & Original Mural

A Treasure From 1938

By 1936 most residents of Warrenton and Warren County had almost gotten used to the hike 3 years earlier to 3 cents to send a letter. You can't really blame them though, since for the past 50 years 2 pennies would buy a stamp. Well at least they could still send penny postcards. As the year opened, a brand new Post Office in its own building next to Emmanuel Episcopal Church was in the works. A loading dock for the larger trucks now carrying the mail, more work space and more P.O. boxes would all help Warrenton rocket into the 20th century of communications via the U.S. Post Office.

But how did Warrenton get to this point with the current post office and the treasure it contains (that's the real feature of today's story)?

The Post Office in '36 was housed in the building occupied today by Futrell's Pharmacy...its proximity to the Courthouse and the Bank of Warrenton next door made it part of the nucleus of vital establishments in the county. Step in to Lloyd's Bakery @ Warren FoodWorks next door and you'll see some of the original P.O. boxes from that office as part of their front counter.

Turning back the clock a little more, since the birth of Warrenton in 1779 the Post Office had been in several locations in town. Originally it was situated at the corner of Macon and Front street (where the Dr. T. E. Wilson home stands now) as an add-on to The Coffee Exchange – a hotel and tavern. In 1849 Dr. Wilson's purchase of the property necessitated a move...from the old Sanborn Fire Maps it appears to have moved to a small building in a row of 3 on the front lawn of today's Colonial Lodge property where it remained until about 1910 when it moved to the Futrell Pharmacy location.

I, in no way want to diminish the treasure we have in the Warrenton Post Office (I'm so glad we don't have a newer, soulless building); however, the real work of art in that building is where our storyline leads today.

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252-257-2657

The next time you walk in the post office, go through the entry way, step to the side and look up and to your left. Just over the wooden door with the faded letters "POSTMASTER" (from the days when each town had a Postmaster) you'll see Alice Dinneen's "*North Carolina Pastoral*" mural created *especially* for us here in Warren County nearly a century ago. The story behind this mural has been a fascinating lesson for me as I dug into the history.



The most important thing to know is that this is not some random painting, but rather a commissioned work of "fine art" designed to portray local life or events. It's one of 1,400 different murals painted and hung in Post Offices across the country in late 30's created by nationally renowned artists and today one of less than 30

remaining in North Carolina. The government realized that nearly every American had easy and free access to a Post Office and could therefore readily enjoy the artwork. Interestingly, I found notes that there are a number of these murals around the country that today are worth more than the entire building in which they're housed.

Beginning in 1934 the Federal Government launched the program from which we benefit today by trying to provide positive, reassuring artwork of the American Way of Life to bolster spirits as we entered year 5 of the Great Depression. It was decided that these murals should only be installed in newly constructed Post Offices...and Warrenton was fortunate to meet the criteria for this program.

With a strong focus on local opinion and themes that might seem refreshing today, a federal commission awarded contracts to artists who submitted anonymous drawings for a specific town or city Post Office; however, the ultimate "customer" was the local community. So the work of art you see today was not begun until Warrenton residents approved the look, the feel and the theme to be painted. Our mural is actually painted on canvas and then attached to the Post Office walls...over the Postmaster's door, as was the custom, to ensure it was highly visible.



What do we know about the artist, Alice Dinneen? Well, the written information about her is much harder to come by. I can tell you that she only painted one other mural for a Post Office in Corbin, Kentucky and another piece of art in the Department of Labor Building in Washington DC. Born in New York City in 1908 she lived there most of her life until her death in 1963. In 1932 she married fellow artist, Allan David Gould who painted the Post Office mural in Roxboro that still exists today. The picture to the left is reported to be one of her from the 1930s.

Alice Dinneen was awarded the commission for our mural on October 1, 1937 with some criticism of her submission ("while your submission resembles a nursery decoration, we have no doubt that you can overcome our concerns.") From there she had 242 days to complete the mural and install it in the Warrenton Post Office...of course only after receiving full approval from the Postmaster and residents of Warrenton. For this she would be paid \$680...roughly equal to \$17,000 today.

We know the community must have approved of the mural since it hangs there today...and in fact Warrenton Postmaster C. F. Moseley said it is "a splendid piece of work and an addition to the office."

So, next time you're in the Post Office, take a few minutes to enjoy this work of art created *just for us* to celebrate life in Warren County and to maybe lift our spirits a little...after all, it's not every town in America that can show off a work of art created just for them!

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.

The 1st Annual New Covenant Ministries Block Party

27 August - Saturday

Gather your friends and family and head to 158 for the New Covenant Ministries Block Party. This celebration is set for Saturday 27 August from 4:00pm – 8:00pm. There will be plenty of family fun, music and games.

Join your neighbors for Free food, Free drinks, Free 9 Square, Free cornhole and Free inflatables for the kids.

New Covenant Ministries is located on US Highway 158 Business West, Norlina. If you need transportation or have questions, please call Senior Pastor, Jerry Barbee at 252-701-0071.

The 3rd Annual African American Cultural Festival

Saturday 17 September on Historic Courthouse Square

Mark your calendars and bring your friends and family to celebrate Warren County's 3rd Annual African American Cultural Festival. The festivities will be held on Saturday 17 September from 10am – 4pm on Warrenton's Historic Courthouse Square.

There will be plenty of live entertainment throughout the day with expert Story Teller Carolyn Evans. Music from Black Journeyz and Tranzitions. Spend some time browsing the dozens of vendors offering food, arts, crafts, clothing, jewelry, dancing, games, memorabilia and more!

The Chamber of Commerce of Warren County will be there for the festivities with our **"History Harvest"**. Bring your old family photos by (at least 75 years old) or photos of buildings, businesses, people or just history dealing with Warren County. We'll scan the pictures on site and give your picture right back to you...then we'll send you a digital copy that you can take to Walgreen's and have perfect copies made for friends and family. This will help us all in telling the story of our rich history here in Warren County in several upcoming books and stories. **Prizes will be given for Oldest Picture and Most Unique Picture.** Can't wait to see the treasures you bring! We'll also have a display of the existing Rosenwald Schools from Warren County on hand. For more information please email me at info@warren-chamber.org or call me at 252-257-2657.

The African American Cultural Festival is sponsored by The Warrenton Posse & The Heritage Cultural Farm. For more information call 919-702-3701 or 919-995-3881. Visit their website at africanamericanculturalfestivalinc.com for more details and updated festival information.

2016 Harvest Market Vendor Applications

Reserve Your Space Now for 8 October



Believe it or not, The 2016 Harvest Market will be here before you know it! This year's festival is 8 October from 10am - 4pm. As usual you can count on a fun day for the entire family with games, food and crafts for sale. The Town of Warrenton has begun accepting applications for vendor spaces. The number of spaces is limited,

so if you'd like to participate please visit the **Town of Warrenton's website** to download your vendor application.

If you have any questions, please call the Warrenton Town Hall at 252-257-1122. See y'all soon!

Do You Know Someone To Take On This Warrenton Institution?

Warrenton Supply Company Needs New Owners

Every once in a while there's a unique opportunity...the opportunity to own not only a vibrant and viable business, but to also keep a local institution open and running. That opportunity is available now here in Warrenton with Warrenton Supply Company.



Owners Eddy & Christy Serls will be taking a well-deserved break from running a business and spend full-time enjoying life beginning in December of this year. With that in mind, they're selling their business. I would like to help them find a buyer so that we can continue to count Warrenton Supply as a vital resource for County residents.

Here are the basics for you to know (and to pass along to a friend who may be looking to take advantage of the wonderful quality of life we have here in Warren County): From **Sandra Shearin & South Shore Realty Company...**

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE GREAT OPPORTUNITY!!
Established hardware store w/ roots going back to the 1950's. Convenient central downtown location in historical Warrenton, NC just a few miles from 2 well-known lakes - Lake Gaston and Kerr Lake. This beautiful area boasts much in art, historical sites, festivals, lake recreation, boating, fishing and more- attracting retirees, full and part-time residents. Established customer base that extends well beyond the city limits into 4 NC counties. Approx. 2200 sf. retail floor space, 3080 sf. warehouse, 810 sf. shop & 5544 outside storage. Purchase price includes building, land, equipment, fixtures and inventory. Excellent growth potential by expanding paint center, adding lumber, gardening supplies, equipment repair & rental & much more. YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE EXISTING BUSINESS & BECOME YOUR OWN BOSS & LANDLORD AT LOW COST!

For complete information and to schedule an appointment to see this treasure, see the [online listing](#) or contact Sandra Shearin at (252) 308-2015 or via email at sandrashearin@gmail.com.

Please join me in helping keep this Warren County treasure as a part of Main Street Warrenton.

Fire House Biscuits & Burgers Cruise-In

Saturday 13 August

Don't miss the Cruise-In at Firehouse Biscuits & Burgers, next Saturday, the 13th of August from 4pm – 9pm. Help pass the word, fun for kids of all ages. Bring your classic car or just come to look.

Entertainment will be provided by DJ G.L. Entertainment. Register for Door Prizes, a 50/50 raffle, plenty of food and drinks for purchase, get your Cruise-In T-shirts! There'll be free ice cream for all children 12 and under.

Looking for more information? Call 252-257-7057.

Loaves & Fishes Needs Computer & Phone System

Storm Ruins Equipment

The Loaves & Fishes Ministries Food Pantry needs the community's help. During the thunderstorm that came through the county on July 8, the food pantry telephone system and computers were destroyed or badly damaged due to lightning. Replacement or repair costs are estimated at \$5,000, which the food pantry does not have.

A special fund is being established to accept donations for purchase of a new phone system and computers. Anyone who is able to make a monetary contribution may mail or drop off their donation at Loaves & Fishes Ministries, 538 W. Ridgeway St., Warrenton, NC 27589.

The food pantry can be reached by calling [252-257-1160](tel:252-257-1160). There is only one operating telephone, so pantry volunteers ask that callers be patient if they have a hard time getting through.

Please help if you are able to contribute anything.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FOOD UNLOADING



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 Animal Clinic: August Special

\$10 Neutering/Spaying for Your Pets



Dr. Amy O'Malley is pleased to announce that Warrenton Animal Clinic will begin offering low cost spay/neuter service to pets belonging to **Warren County residents! Citizens for Animal Protection of Warren County (CAP)** will provide funds that will lower the cost to pet owners. Services will include necessary vaccinations and pain medication for the animals.

During the month of **August only**, CAP is generously increasing the amount of their sponsorship and pet owners will be responsible for only **\$10!!!**

Call Warrenton Animal Clinic to schedule: 252-257-0737 or **visit their website** for more information.

Also... HELP WANTED: Seeking EXPERIENCED VETERINARY TECHNICIAN to join our awesome team at Warrenton Animal Clinic! Full time preferred, part time considered. Please email resume to: **admin@warrentonanimalclinic.com**. Experience is a must, this is not an entry level position. Persons with no prior veterinary experience need not apply. Thank you!

Don't Miss The Warren Record's Fall Home Special Section

Reach Thousands of Customers 17 August



Don't miss this great opportunity to reach over 20,000 readers in our community for the fall home improvement season! A joint publication of the Warren Record & the Lake Gaston Gazette-Observer, this special section will publish August 17!

The deadline for advertising your business is August 11. Get increased exposure in 2 newspapers for ONE great price!

3 x 2.75 - \$99; 3 x 5.25 - \$150; 3 x 10.5 - \$225 & 6 x 10.5 - \$400.

For more information contact your account executive, Sonya Sikes, at The Warren Record today. Email at **ads@warrenrecord.com** or call 252-257-3341 or 252-213-5090.

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!

***SHRIMP ARE BACK!** The Bobbitt Family is at the coast NOW shrimping for our market on Saturday! Come out and get fresh shrimp brought right to Warrenton for us!

*Lucky Like Dog Treats is featuring a truly special new Lucky Like Dog Treat honoring the Pumpkin, in preparation for the Warrenton Harvest Festival on October 8. The new PUMPKIN LOVE treats will feature three important "Super Foods" - all organic: Pumpkin, Austrian (Styrian) Pumpkin Seeds, and Chia! She'll be giving out information cards on this treat as well.

Take a look at everything you get shop for this week!

- Flowers
- Apples
- Local honey
- Farm fresh eggs
- Marinades and sauces
- Jams and Jellies - Peach, peach/plum, plum, grape, blackberry jam, blueberry jam, jalapeno jelly, damson preserves and more
- Corn
- Cantaloupes
- Watermelon
- Canary melon
- Okra
- Cherry tomatoes (yellow and red)
- Tomatoes
- Green tomatoes (for Fried Green Tomatoes or Green Tomato Relish or Chow Chow) Sold during the week also in bulk by G & D Produce
- Green beans/snaps
- Eggplant

Baked Goods

Old-Fashioned Pound Cake
Chocolate Pound Cake with Lemon Drizzle
Lemon Pound Cake
Zucchini Bread

Praline Apple Bread
Sharp Cheddar Cheese Bread
Peach Muffins
Brownies
Rolls

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.

Special Events at Quilt Lizzy

3 More Classes

Congratulations to Quilt Lizzy! Among the top 30 dealers in a 6 state region, Quilt Lizzy sold the 3rd most Brother Dream Machines for last year. Big accomplishments from right here in Warren County.

Lots To Do In August!

All Things Quilting - \$29.95 - 8/18 1pm – 5pm

Join your Floriani educator for an afternoon of quilting techniques! Learn to use your Floriani and our New Quilters Select battings, stabilizers, fusible webs and stabilizers to create stunning quilt and home decorating projects.

We will explore multiple styles of appliqué, quilting in the hoop, use of software to design quilt blocks with ease and much, much more!

This is a fun, information packed class that will help you bridge the gap between your love of quilting and the use of your embroidery machine!

Sign Up Here!

Embroidery Basics- \$59.95 - 8/19 10am – 5pm

This class is for everyone, from beginners to the most experienced of embroiderers.

Every year when we host our Floriani event we encourage anyone who embroiders to come and learn. This class shows you helpful techniques

and embroidery secrets. Learn how to keep your stitches neat and your garment from puckering.

This class is here to teach you all the tricks and tips you'll ever need to know! Learn about which stabilizers to use and even which thread goes the best with different colored fabrics.

[Sign Up Here!](#)

Total Control Software Class - \$99.95 - 8/20 10am – 5pm

This class is to teach you about the Floriani Total Control software! This class is \$99.95 for the whole day! Lunch is included! Please remember to bring your laptop and software!

[Sign Up Here!](#)

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.

Lakeland Theatre: Dance It Out!

Classes run September thru May

Beginning in September, Dance It Out will be offering Ballet and Hip Hop/Jazz classes at Lakeland Theatre on Mosby Avenue in Littleton. Sign up for ballet to be held Monday evenings or Hip Hop/Jazz being held on Wednesday evenings. This is a great opportunity for your children to exercise and learn to dance!

Yearly tuition for these programs is just \$450 (\$50 per month) for Pre-Ballet...ages 3-5. Level 1 Ballet & Hip Hop (Ages 6-8) and Level 2 Ballet & Hip Hop (Ages 9+) is just \$495 or \$55 per month.

Complete information is available on their **Facebook Page** or their website at **danceitoutva.com** .

32nd Littleton-Lake Gaston Festival

Friday 2 September & Saturday 3 September

Friday night, September 2, downtown Littleton will be the place to be at 7 p.m. in the municipal parking lot with your lawn chairs and dancing feet.

Steve Owens and the Summertime Band will kick off the 32nd Littleton-Lake Gaston Festival.

Eat supper before the show starts, or throughout the evening. Food vendors and local eateries will be selling a variety of culinary favorites for your dining pleasure, starting at 5 p.m.

Return in the morning for a full day of family fun on Saturday, September 3. Festival starts at 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

North Main Street will be lined with crafters, vendors and local non-profit organizations. Stop for refreshments at **The Littleton Woman's Club Outdoor Cafe** in **BB&T's** drive-through area on your way to the Stray Cats Rod & Custom Show located in the parking lot behind the bank and Futrell Pharmacy.

Entertainment Line-up

The two-day event on Friday, September 2 and Saturday, September 3, located in Littleton at the intersection of Hwys 158 and 903 at the stop light, will be packed with activities for all the family.

Opening the event on Friday night at 7 p.m. will **be Steve Owens and the Summertime Band**. Bring your chairs and your dancing feet for an evening of dancing in the town's parking lot in downtown Littleton on Hwy 158. Food vendors and carnival rides start at 5 p.m.

Saturday's entertainment lineup will start on stage at 10 a.m. and run through 4 p.m.: 10 a.m. **Zumba (Dance group)**; 10:45 a.m. **RR Line Dancers**; 11:30 a.m. **1st Raffle Drawing**; 12 - 1 p.m. **Marvin Bobbitt & The Rising Sons (Gospel)**; 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. **G. Palmer's Rock'a'Billy Review (Variety)**; 3 p.m. **2nd Raffle Prize Drawing**; 3:30 p.m. **"Rockin' 50's" by Lakeland Theatre Company**.

Stray Cats Rod and Custom Show will be located in the parking lot behind BB&T and Futrell Pharmacy Services.

Raffle prize winners will be drawn at 11:30 a.m. & 3 p.m. on Saturday (do not have to be present to win). Tickets are available now for \$1 donation each from any Littleton Lions Club member, as well as at the Festival Information Booth September 2 & 3.

Carnival type rides will be in the municipal parking lot parallel to North Main Street. A variety of local performers will provide live entertainment on stage throughout the day. Line up and schedule will be published closer to the event.

Raffle tickets at a \$1 donation will be on sale with a list of great prizes. More information soon.

Littleton Lions Club will be cooking 1,000 pounds of barbeque which will be sold from the Pepsi Booths in sandwiches Friday night at \$4 or \$8 per pound. And, on Saturday from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. by the plate at \$8 that includes slaw, baked beans and bread, & by the pound. Eat-out under the tent in the food court, or eat-in at the Lions Den on Ransom St.

Crafters and Vendors still have time to register, but act quickly. Contact Theron Sharber at (252) 586-4681 or rtsharber@gmail.com, or Heidi Hogan at (252) 586-6828 or heidighogan@embarqmail.com.

The Festival, now in its 32nd year, continues to promote Littleton as a place to live and do business and provide a two-day event where everyone can go and have fun.

The Littleton-Lake Gaston Festival is organized by the Littleton Lion's Club and money raised will go to local organizations, and Lion's service projects.

In the meantime, mark your calendars to attend the 32nd Littleton-Lake Gaston Festival on September 2 and September 3, and tell your friends and neighbors.

The Crossing @ Lake Gaston

Saturday 13 August, Eaton Ferry Bridge

The Eaton Ferry Bridge is the place to be for a morning of fun for the entire family. The Crossing begins promptly at 9 am. Registration begins at 8:00 am.

THE CROSSING is an annual event for the Lake Gaston Community and is sponsored by O'SAIL. The goal is to encourage the Lake Gaston population to annually get in the water and join others in a non-motorized crossing of the lake in mass. **THE CROSSING** will occur in a protected area adjacent to the Eaton Ferry Bridge secured by the US Coast Guard Auxiliary.

THE CROSSING requires registration of all participants. There is a registration fee of \$25.00 in advance or \$30.00 the day of the event. Upon completion of the event, participants will receive complimentary fruit and water at the finish and a limited edition t-shirt.

The two classes of participants are:



- **SWIMMERS**
 - Under 13 years of age must have signed life guard statement that they have a proven ability to swim the distance or be accompanied by an adult throughout the swim.
 - Must wear swim cap for visibility, swim caps will be provided at registration check-in.
- **NON-MOTORIZED VESSELS**
 - All riders must wear PFD.
 - Can be individual or team entry
 - Can use commercial or self-made vessel. All vessels must be water sound and may be disqualified by officials at the entrance area if they are deemed to be unsafe or not able to make the distance.
- **THE WAVERS**
 - Beyond the usual non-motorized water vessels, we're encouraging you to use your imagination. The WAVER category was created to encourage small or large groups to cross together in the most creative ways possible. Some examples might be connected by noodles or even floating atop their own creation of a boat, barge, raft, etc.

How can you join the fun? [Register online here](#) and show up the day of the event ready to have fun with your team and your creation.

*NOTE: Registration may be completed online through 5PM, Friday 8/12. Registration the day of the event is \$30.

John R. Hawkins Alumni & Friends Continue the Legacy

Annual Affair Friday 2 September

All Alumni, Associates, Family & Friends of John R. Hawkins High School are asked to please take part in the Annual Affair which will be held on Labor Day weekend. Hospitality Hour is Friday, September 2 at the Warren Rural Volunteer Fire Station on South Main Street in Warrenton beginning at 7pm. The Banquet/Dance will be the next night, September 3 at the Warren County Armory on Highway 158 East Business in Warrenton. Doors open at 5pm.

Tickets can be purchase in advance! Membership is \$25; Dinner/Dance \$50. You may purchase tickets from any member of the Executive Board: Gwen Tunstall (252-213-0609); Edith Peters (252-257-5505); Jessie K. Boyd (252-257-1260); Richard or Ruby Ayscue (252-257-4983); Kenneth Waller (252-431-4369); Barbara Rowlett (252-456-3221); Mattie Boyd (252-213-8860); Bertadine Baker (252-213-2598) or Sylvia Fletcher (252-257-2520). No tickets will be sold at the door of the Banquet/Dance on September 3; however, tickets can be purchased until September 2 at the Hospitality Hour.

The Hawkins Alumni meets every third Saturday of the month at the Warren County Memorial Library at 10:30am. If you have any comments

or suggestions before the meetings, please feel free to forward them via mail to P.O. Box 318, Warrenton, NC 27589 or via **the website**.

The organization is still standing on the same principles that were instilled in the students by the great leadership of the longest standing Principal, the late Mr. James Estes Byers.

Here are just a few of the accomplishments of this organization over the years:

- Purchased the old Exum Shop
- Donated to the Warrenton Community Center (the oldest black owned and built building in Warren County)
- Supported Relay For Life
- Formed a partnership with the Warren County Schools for tutors, proctors and buying supplies for students in need
- Supported the Warren County Memorial Library, Warren Family Institute and the Warren County Spelling Bee

Lakeland Theatre: Tribute to Judy Hand

Donate to Remember This Wonderful Lakeland Supporter

Dear Supporters,



You may or may not be aware that Lakeland Theatre recently lost a near and dear friend, Judith "Judy" Hand. Judy was a longtime member of Lakeland and an outstanding actress who participated in at least 35 shows. Her honors include a Lakeland Lifetime Achievement Award and recognition as the best lead actress of the year for **"Driving Miss Daisy."**


The Lakeland Board of Directors & Executive Production Committee plan to memorialize Judy at Lakeland by dedicating a facility project in her honor. This project is part of our overall facilities plan to enhance the experience for all members, patrons and audience participants. We will be improving the rear entrance of the Dance Studio/Cabaret wing of the theatre with donations made in her honor.

With the generosity of two Lakeland members, funds donated up to \$2,000 will be matched. This is an opportunity for you to honor Judy and support Lakeland Theatre. Please mail your memorial contributions to Lakeland Theatre, P.O. Box 130, Littleton, NC 27850 or contact the Lakeland office at 252-586-3124.

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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- **Lakeland Theatre. Dance it Out Lakeland** will be opening up in Lakeland's dance studio this fall offering classes in Ballet, Hip Hop and Jazz. Open registration will be held in Lakeland's dance studio located at 411 Mosby Avenue, Littleton, NC on July 27 from 5:30-7:30pm. For more information go to danceitoutva.com or contact the main office of **Dance It Out** at 434-757-1029. Email at danceitoutstudios@gmail.com.
 - **Lakeland Theatre.** Lakeland Theatre & The Farrington Foundation present "Rockin' 50's" September 16, 17, 18, 23 & 24. Join us at the malt shop as we remember the 50's through song and dance. To purchase tickets, call 252-586-3124 Ext. 3 or visit us on the web at lakelandtc.org.
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