



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?

My Apologies for No Newsletter Last Week...

First, my apologies for the lack of an email newsletter last week. I was called out of town on Sunday for a family emergency.

No Historical Tidbit this week and the newsletter is a little shorter. I plan to pick the Tidbits back up next week with a special building in Norlina. In the meantime, enjoy your family and friends. They are the truly important things in our lives.

Enjoy the rest of your week!---Craig

Warren County Historical Tidbits: Here's What I'm Working On

Please Let Me Know If You Have a Topic You'd Like Me To Add To the List

There are lots of wonderful places with rich history here in Warren County. While I'm out of town for family I won't be working on a story this week...I'll keep you posted.

Here are the upcoming stories:

- Norlina School (1916)
- Warrenton Male Academy & John Graham School
- Oak Chapel AME Church (1866) Warrenton
- Warrenton Rural Volunteer Fire Department
- Cheek House
- William Eaton House

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.

- **Loaves & Fishes Computer & Phones Needed!**

- The Lake Gaston Lions 31st Seafood Festival
- 2016 Harvest Market Vendor Applications
- Warrenton T-shirts & Hats
- Lakeland Theatre: Judy Hand Tribute
- What's Going On With Chamber Members?

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

Warren County Online

Warren Record Column
WARR 1520AM
Warrenton City Site
Norlina City Site
Warren County Site

Chamber Members: You're Invited to the Lake Gaston Regional Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours!

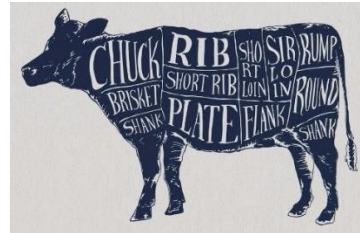
Thursday 8 September 5:30 - 7:00pm

Break out the Pomade & Poodle Skirts...it's all about the Fabulous 50's at the next Lake Gaston Regional Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours. Thanks to a personal invitation from Chamber President, Christina Wells, we all can join in this event at Lakeland Theatre Company, 411 Mosby Avenue in Littleton.

If you'd like to attend, please RSVP today to info@lakegastonchamber.com or call 252-586-5711.

Working Landscapes Taking Orders for Warren County Angus Beef

Save Money, Buy In Bulk



Hungry for top-quality, pasture raised Angus Beef from local farmers? Working Landscapes is accepting orders for quarter cows until September 16. We make it easy...Purchase your meat in bulk and get a discount off of retail prices!

The Details...Beef quarters will include:

- Boneless Eye Round, Ossa Bucco, T-Bone Steak, London Broil, Skirt Steak, Flank Steak, Marrow Bones, Meaty Soup Bones, Sirloin Steak, Brisket, Ribeye Steak, Flat Iron Steak, Short Ribs, BBQ Ribs, Ox Tails, Ground Beef and Boneless Beef Stew.
- Quarters typically weigh between 100 and 125 pounds. Priced at \$8.00/pound

Call 252-257-0205 to reserve yours today or order via email at tim@workinglandscapesnc.org. Supplies are limited. Meat from Sunrise Ridge Farm in Warren County will be processed in late September and ready for pickup in October.

VGCC to Offer Entrepreneurship Program for Artists, Crafters in Warrenton

6 September thru 25 October

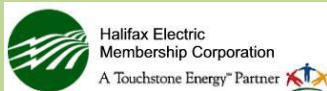
Vance-Granville Community College is offering a course designed specifically to help creative local residents with skills in arts and crafts to succeed as entrepreneurs.

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Upcoming Member Events

Warren FoodWorks
Wednesday 30 August
3:45 – 5:15 pm
FINAL PICKUP
BreadShare Pickups

Farmers' Market 2016
Saturday 3 September
8am - Noon
BB&T Parking Lot

The "NC REAL Professional Craft Artists Entrepreneurship" program will be conducted at the college's Warren Campus in Warrenton on Tuesdays from 6 until 9 p.m., Sept. 6 through Oct. 25.

"If you are considering starting your own business selling your handmade items, then the NC REAL Professional Craft Artists Entrepreneurship program is just for you," said Tanya Weary, director of the Small Business Center. "This is a seven-week educational experience that equips creative people with the knowledge and skills to start a small business and earn supplemental income through their craft. We will have hands-on activities that have been specifically designed to address needs and challenges faced by craft artists."

Topics that are particularly important to artists will be addressed, including guild membership, production, reaching a target market and participating in craft fairs and special events. Weary invites not only those who are just starting out, but also entrepreneurs who have had a business for up to three years. "This course will provide value to craft artists interested in turning their talents into profitable business ventures," she said. Each participant will also receive free, one-on-one counseling as a client of the Small Business Center, which will help them take their ideas to the next level of business planning.

The instructor will be M. Theresa Brown of Franklinton, a visual artist, small business owner and instructor for VGCC Personal Enrichment art classes.

Tuition for the course is \$70. The deadline to register is Sept. 2.

For more information and to register, contact Tanya Weary at **(252) 738-3240** or **smallbusiness@vgcc.edu**.

Lake Gaston Association Monthly Meeting

Dominion, lake issues & water levels

The September 7 Lake Gaston Association's monthly meeting at 9:30 a.m. will feature Corey Chamberlain, Dominion Generation, Hydro/Renewables System Support Consultant, Glen Allen, Virginia.

He will talk about lake issues and water levels - especially how a drought might affect the lake! Q&A will follow.

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, Education, 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.

Contact Us

Warren-chamber.org

info@warren-chamber.org

252-257-2657

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.

A Local Institution (and a Darn Good Business) is Waiting for Someone

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 carry on a central part of our local community. 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.

Free Over the Counter Medicine Give-Away

Thursday 15 September



Thanks to Triangle North Healthcare Foundation and NC MedAssist, you can pickup free over-the-counter medicines on Thursday 15 September from 9:00am – 2:00pm. This event will be held at the Public Works Facility, 127 Penn Avenue in Oxford, NC. Please bring friends, family and neighbors. No ID is required.

Items to include: Cold, cough & flu medicine, Band-Aids, pain and allergy relief, vitamins, children's medicine and much more.



For more information, visit their website at www.medassist.org, see them on **FaceBook** or call at 1-866-331-1348.

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.

NC Cooperative Extension: Backyard Farmers Series

Every Thursday from 6:30-8:30pm

The Warren County Office of the NC Cooperative Extension is hosting a Backyard Farmers Series beginning Thursday, 15 September and ending 27 October. Classes will be each Thursday from 6:30-8:30pm. You can register by Friday 9 September at the Warren County Office at 158 Rafters Lane in Warrenton, by phone at 252-257-3640 or online at go.ncsu.edu/byfsregistration. The \$25 registration fee per person covers all 7 classes.

Topics covered in the Backyard Farmers Series include:

- Soil Testing, Preparation and Composting
- Raising Vegetables and Backyard Greenhouses
- Eggs! Eggs! Chickens!
- Apples, Berries and More! Backyard Fruit Production
- Backyard Goats and Pasture Management
- Food Preservation – Make Your Garden Last all Year!
- Marketing Options – How and Where to Sell What You Raise

Shop Local: Warren Wednesdays

Specials Available This Week



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...

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.

The Warren Record: Each Wednesday, for Warren County Residents, get \$5 off **NEW** subscriptions to the Warren Record.

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.

Norlina Auto Parts, US 1 Norlina: A great fuel injection cleaner, Sea Foam, is only \$7.99! Boyd recommends this highly!

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 \$\$\$.

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.

Friends Two, Main Street Warrenton: Buy one greeting card at regular price and get the second of equal or lesser value for 1/2 off. They have the best cards, perfect for any occasion.

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

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!

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

Candlelight Spiritual Science Center: Peace Walk Vigil

Schedule for Wednesday 21 September

Here's a little early information for your calendars...The Candlelight Spiritual Science Center and Dr. Sylvia Fletcher will be sponsoring a **Peace Walk Vigil** at the Recreational complex. Details to follow, but it's slated for Wednesday 21 September. This event is free and all ages are welcome. They hope to be set up by 10AM and stay until 6PM weather permitting. Groups and classes are encouraged to participate by walking, displaying posters, and making windmills.

More details to come in the next few weeks!

NC Cooperative Extension: 2016 Farm Tour

1 October 8:30am - 2:30pm

The Second Annual Warren County Farm Tour will take place on October 1st, 2016, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. Don't miss this opportunity to visit selected local farms and learn about the production methods they use to be successful.

There will be three tour stops highlighting intensive vegetable production, fruit production and livestock. The tour will end with a catered lunch, featuring a keynote presentation by Will Hooker, internationally recognized Permaculture Designer and Professor Emeritus at NC State University.

The cost is only \$5, which includes lunch and transportation. Pre-registration is required, call the Warren County Extension Center for details 252-257-3640 or e-mail paul_mckenzie@ncsu.edu.

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! Here's an update from this past weekend...

Mr. Pete Jones has hot sauce again! Just what our customers have been asking for...fresh hot sauce! Come get it while supplies last because it always sells out quickly.

The Bobbitt Family is again at the coast **shrimping** for our market on Saturday! The shrimp have been delicious.

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

- Apples - A real treat!
- Local honey
- Farm fresh eggs
- Jams and Jellies - Hot sauce, peach, peach/plum, plum, grape, blackberry jam, blueberry jam, jalapeno jelly, damson preserves and more
- Okra
- Cherry tomatoes
- Tomatoes
- Eggplant

Baked Goods

Old-Fashioned Pound Cake
Chocolate Pound Cake with Lemon Drizzle
Lemon Pound Cake
Mother's Apple Cake
Sharp Cheddar Cheese Bread
Peach Muffins
Brownies
Rolls

Dog Treats

**PUMPKIN LOVE dog 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.*

*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.

Warren FoodWorks Changing

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



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.

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 .

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.

The Lake Gaston Lions 31st Annual Seafood Festival

Saturday 1 October

The Lake Gaston Lions 31st Annual Seafood Festival is coming Saturday October 1st! All you can eat and drink includes Oysters, Shrimp, Fish, Hush Puppies, Slaw, Baked Beans, Alcoholic and non-Alcoholic beverages.

Live entertainment is provided, so bring your chairs and sun shelters. No coolers, no take outs & no pets are permitted inside the gate. The event goes on rain or shine at the Lion's 20 acre field off Stanley/Gasburg Road in Henrico, North Carolina.

Gates open at 1PM. Food and drinks are served from 2 PM til 6 PM, bar closes at 5:30. Tickets are limited and no tickets will be sold at the gate. Everyone must have a ticket regardless of age. One price for all ages...\$40.

Tickets are available from any Lion member and at most of the local stores in the area or you can also buy tickets online from ETickets at <http://www.etix.com/ticket/v/11901/lake-gaston-lions-club>.

Get your tickets early only a limited number will be sold. Visit Lake Gaston Lions on Facebook, Google the Lion's website, or call Director Don Henry (252) 586-3160 for additional details.

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!

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: 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.

- **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 House will be held in Lakeland's dance studio located at 411 Mosby Avenue, Littleton, NC on August 24 from 5:00-7:00pm. 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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