



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?

Have A Very Happy Thanksgiving

It's a short week in the work world...and even shorter when you consider everything needed to pull together a family feast this week! I stopped by Food Lion in Norlina last night and every register was open with people shopping for Thursday.

I wish for each and every one of you a Thanksgiving Day and weekend that nourishes you and brightens your day. I'm off to Cherryville tomorrow to gather with family and will look forward to returning home to Warren County on Sunday.

Enjoy the rest of your week!---Craig

Warren County Historical Tidbits: Thanksgiving Break

Great Stories Coming To Finish 2016

Good Morning! I'm finding that nearly all of my energy and creativity this week is turned to Thanksgiving, so I'm taking a Thanksgiving break from our Historical Tidbits. I have a great story developing about our historic Plummer Hook & Ladder Company and will share that with you next Tuesday.

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.

- What's Going On With Chamber Members?

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

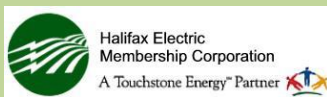
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Upcoming Member Events

“Santa’s Christmas List” Is Here!

Now thru 10 December



Thanks to your overwhelming generosity last year, Social Services was able to hand out toys, books and other gifts that guaranteed Christmas Morning smiles for more than 600 children. This year we'd like to help at least that many children.

We've made it pretty simple again. We're looking for toys (both fun & educational), clothes/hats/gloves, stuffed toys, books, candy, gift cards for 13-16 year olds...really, anything new and unwrapped that you think would bring some joy to a child.

Then, just drop them by one of the following locations (all boxes should be out by the end of day on Wednesday) in the big wrapped boxes in Warrenton: Chamber of Commerce of Warren Office, Warren Record, WARR 1520 AM, Fire House Biscuits & Burgers, First Citizens Bank, BB&T, Warrenton Town Hall, Milano's & Pete Smith Tire & Quick Lube. In Norlina: White's Barber Shop, Norlina Town Hall, Norlina Auto Parts & The Whistle Stop Care.

Santa's Christmas List is sponsored by WARR 1520AM, The Warren Record, The Chamber of Commerce of Warren County and the Lake Gaston Regional Chamber of Commerce. A huge thanks again this year to Warrenton Furniture Exchange for supplying the collection boxes and Lin's Everything Business for printing services.

From the Warren County Schools...

Public Forum 22 November

The Warren County Schools will be holding a public forum to give parents an opportunity to express their concerns about Warren County Schools, and begin a dialogue on how to make improvements.

The Forum will be held at the Warren County Middle School off the 158 Bypass at 6pm on Tuesday, November 22.

For more information please call 252-257-3184 or visit their web site at www.warrenk12nc.org.

Also, thanks to Jamica Whitaker, Director of Communications and Public Engagement for the Warren County Schools, she is now publishing a newsletter highlighting all of the achievements among our local students. This month's newsletter is chock full of good news like this...

Warren County Schools
Public Forum
22 November 6pm
Warren County Middle School

Prelude To Christmas &
Parade
Saturday 10 December
Historic Courthouse Square
Warrenton

Littleton Christmas Parade
Saturday 3 December
Littleton

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252-257-2657

Warrenton Rural VFD Thanksgiving Breakfast

24 November 5am - 10am



Waiting for the turkey and the ham to cook can be almost too much to bear! Plus, the kitchen is packed with casseroles and dressing and everything in the world good to eat.

Instead of trying to cook breakfast for your family, make plans now to leave the breakfast to the men and women of Warrenton Rural VFD.

Special Thanksgiving Day Country Style Buffet breakfast featuring favorites such as eggs, bacon, sausage, grits, baked apples, biscuits, and pancakes. This family event has become quite a holiday tradition. Patrons are encouraged to make monetary donations for the enjoyment of the buffet. Come join in the good food and fellowship.

The breakfast is at the Fire Station on South Main Street in Warrenton from 5am – 10am. Don't miss a Warren County tradition and an outstanding meal!

Warren County Cooperative Extension New York City Holiday Trip

December 9 - 11

You can always count on Christmas decorations like nowhere else in the world...plus New York City offers the most extensive shopping anywhere. Join the Warren County Cooperative Extension on their bus trip to New York this year.

You'll meet at the Warren County Cooperative Extension office and leave at 9:30pm on Friday, December 9th. Then on Saturday, arrive in New York City at approximately 8:00am. Enjoy the whole day shopping, sightseeing and visiting the city on your own! Drop off and pick up will be at Bryant Park behind Macy's and near Times Square. Then back on the bus for a 7:00pm departure and arrive back home in Warren County at the Cooperative Extension office early Sunday morning.

Cost per seat is just \$100. This includes a \$5.00 50/50 Raffle Ticket with the drawing to be held before your arrival in NYC. Children 18 and younger must be accompanied by adults. There is a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 due at the time of registration. Your remaining payment is due by Tuesday 15 November.

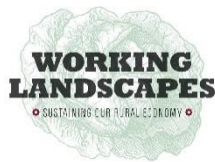
All proceeds will benefit Warren County 4-H Club Fund...first come, first served – get your bus ticket today. Transportation will be provided by AT&T Charter Bus Company.

For more information and details call 252-257-3640.

Working Landscapes Needs Your Vote

Help Them Earn \$\$\$ During November

Working Landscapes is participating in the 2016 Greener Fields Together Cultivating Change Grant Program. The application for this grant award, in part, is dependent upon public support!



Working Landscapes' grant application will fund upgrades to the Warren County Produce Center, our farm to school produce processing operation located in downtown Warrenton. Over the past three years, we have moved over 90,000 pounds of locally grown produce through our facility and reached over 60,000 school students across the region with local, fresh-cut

vegetables.

During the month of November, you can help Working Landscapes receive this funding by voting for our project on the [***Greener Fields Together Cultivating Change website.***](#) Votes can be made every day this month, and your vote will help our organization continue to develop one of the most innovative food projects in the country.



Read more about our grant proposal by visiting our [***application page.***](#) and your vote of support will help our organization continue to support local farmers, downtown revitalization, and healthy school lunches for years to come. Please share this unique opportunity to support our non-profit organization with everyone you know!

[Click here to vote now!](#)

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...

Hardware Café: Buy any meal and get a free drink every Wednesday!

Friends Two, Main Street Warrenton: 10% off Fall Flags only.

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

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.

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!

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.

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.

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.

Lake Gaston Association Monthly Meeting

Looking Back on 2016 and Forward To 2017 Projects

The Lake Gaston Association will hold their next monthly meeting on December 7 at 9:30 a.m. at the Lake Gaston Baptist Church located on Hwy. 903, 1 mile north of Eaton Ferry Bridge, across from the Subway Restaurant.

Come and see where we've been in 2016, where we are going in 2017, and what we can do to help you. Bill Heflin, LGA President will be the speaker. Q&A will follow.

Shannon McAllister, Executive Director of the John 3:16 Center, will also be present to accept the toys collected by the LGA and local businesses during its Annual Toy Drive. Toy collection boxes will be available at the meeting.

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.

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 Presents “’Twas the Night Before Christmas” & Christmas Variety Show

Coming in December

First up on the Lakeland stage, don't miss a great family show as the Lakeland Theatre, Halifax EMC and The Farrington Foundation present a **“Christmas Variety Show”**. Christmas is a time for family to come together. What we forget is that Christmas doesn't magically make all of the family's problems go away. This Christmas, let Lakeland help in making your family come together and forget about your problems for a day. Come hear your favorite Christmas songs and stories the way that only our Lakeland family can do.

If you'd like to have even more fun at this show, wear your ugliest Christmas sweater...you might win a special Christmas gift!

Shows are December 2nd and 3rd @8:00pm & December 4th @2:30pm. For tickets call 252-586-3124 ext. 3 or visit their [website to purchase](#). Tickets are just \$16.00 for Adults and \$9.00 for students.

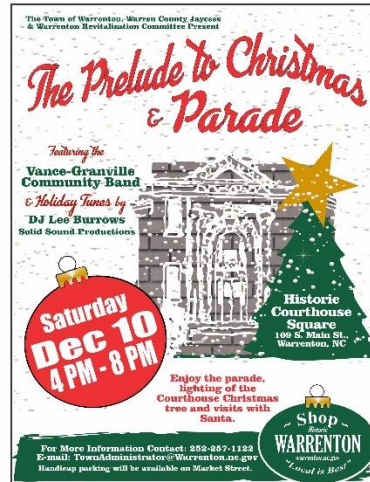
Then, the following week it's **“Twas the Night Before Christmas”**... A Grand Christmas Adventure, “Twas the Night Before Christmas” will take you on a wild holiday adventure with a mouse, an elf and a spunky little girl who just won't take "no" for an answer, on their quest to find out why Santa missed their house last year. A joyful tribute to the holiday season!

Performances are December 9 and 10 @ 8:00pm and December 11 @ 2:30pm.

For tickets call 252-586-3124 ext. 3 or visit their [website to purchase](#).

Prelude To Christmas 2016 & Parade

Saturday 10 December in Downtown Warrenton



It's just a little more than a month to Warrenton's festive annual celebration, Prelude To Christmas & Parade! This community event is presented by the Town of Warrenton, Warren County Jaycees and the Warrenton Revitalization Committee.

Join us on the Historic Courthouse Square in Warrenton...enjoy the parade, the lighting of the Courthouse Christmas Tree and of course a visit with Santa! Entertainment for all including the Vance-Granville Community Band and Holiday Tunes by DJ Lee Burrows and Solid Sound Productions.

For more information contact the Warrenton

Town Hall at 252-257-1122 or email at

townadministrator@warrenton.nc.gov .

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.

Warrenton Animal Clinic & CAP of Warren County

Low Cost Spay/Neuter Service



Dr. Amy O'Malley is pleased to announce that Warrenton Animal Clinic is 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. **CAP will pay a portion of the cost with the owner responsible for only \$40. Services will include necessary vaccinations and pain medication for the animals.**

Call Warrenton Animal Clinic to make an appointment!

CAP of Warren County is a 501(c) (3) Charitable Organization. The organization is made up of people who are concerned for the welfare of the animals in Warren County, NC. Their mission is to focus on spay/neuter programs, conduct rabies clinics and to educate the public about the humane treatment of animals and methods of caring for pets responsibly.

YOU CAN HELP! Visit www.capofwarrenco.com and DONATE!

Warren County Government Community Calendar

Lots To Do Here In Warren County!

For the latest information, ***Click on Community News under County Commissioners*** on the County website.

- #1 - [County Activities](#)
- #2 - [Community Activities](#)

Warren County Board of Commissioners - (252) 257-3115

November 24th & 25th Thanksgiving Holiday (offices closed)
November 29th 6pm - Special Meeting Re: 2017 Revaluation
December 5th 5:45 pm - New Commissioner Swearing-In Ceremony &
Annual Organizational Meeting
6pm - Revised Solid Waste Ordinance Public hearing
6:15pm - Regular Monthly Meeting
December 14th 6pm - Work Session

Senior Center - (252) 257-3111

December 7th Hamrick's & K&W Cafeteria Trip - Fundraiser \$10 (Lunch Included)

2017

February 3rd Museum of Art, Raleigh
February 13th Black History Museum Richmond & Croakers Spot Petersburg

Cooperative Extension Service - (252) 257-3640

December 9th 9:30pm - Visit New York City during the Holidays!!!
Return Dec. 11th early morning

Veterans Service Office - (252) 257-3385

Memorial Library - (252) 257-4990

November 28th 12pm - Superheroes in the Movies
Wednesdays 11am - Color Therapy Wednesdays

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Warren County Festival 2016

December 10, 2016
Warrenton Prelude to Christmas and Parade
Holiday activities and refreshments, lighting of the Courthouse Christmas Tree and visits with Santa after the parade

**Location: Main Street Warrenton and Courthouse Square
252-257-1122**

townadministrator@warrenton.nc.gov

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.

Littleton Christmas Parade

3 December 11am

Come out and enjoy the annual Littleton Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 3, starting at 11 a.m. from Lakeland Theatre on Mosby Ave. Line-up starts at 10 a.m.

Line the Parade route in downtown Littleton up Mosby Ave, turning right onto S. Main Street (Hwy 158) at the light and concluding at the Piggly Wiggly.

If you or your church or organization would like to be in the Littleton Christmas Parade, there is still time to be included, call (252) 586-6169.

'Round Town Rickshaw...Tour Warrenton in Style

Call 252-231-BIKE (2453)



It seems like every evening and every day on the weekends lately I'm seeing the **'Round Town Rickshaw** carrying several riders in and around downtown Warrenton. I know that they were fairly busy during this past weekend's African American Cultural Festival.

If you'd like a classic ride at a slower pace from home to Robinson Ferry or Milano's for dinner...or maybe you'd like to show a friend some of our historic homes in downtown Warrenton...or if Pokémon Go has your attention...or if you have an

upcoming special event, well, place your call early to **'Round Town Rickshaw**. You'll find their prices affordable and the trip extra memorable.

Call them at 252-232-BIKE (2453) and follow them on [Facebook](#).

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.

- **Lloyd's Bakery.** Don't forget they're open Tue – Sat from 7am to 5pm with fresh-baked goodness. Connect with them online at Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LloydsBakeryandCoffee/> or on their website: <http://www.lloydsbakery.net/> and by phone at: 252-257-1239
 - **Great Building for Sale!** Looking for an office building on Main Street in Warrenton to buy with 5 offices available to rent? Two existing tenants, The Chamber of Commerce of Warren County & Hendrick's Insurance. \$75,000. Call 252-213-7952.
 - **Working Landscapes. 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 information at 252-431-5164.
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