



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?

A Few Random Thoughts...

As we wind down 2016, several items on my mind...

- You may have noticed activity on the Courthouse Square over the past two weeks as our outstanding Warren County Grounds Workers have been restoring & re-painting the flag pole marking the Memorial to Warren County men who gave their lives in defense of our country in WWI & WWII. Thanks to our County Manager, Linda Worth, the County Grounds Department and Warren County Veteran Services Director, Jamytta Bell we are in the process of planning a re-dedication ceremony for that Memorial on 2 February, 2017. Look for much more information in the following weeks!
- While the contest is officially over for History Harvest, I'm still working to gather historical artifacts (yearbooks, documents, you name it) that you may have tucked away in a drawer. Give me a call and I'll scan them and any old photos for you and keep a copy for our historical archives here in Warren County.

Enjoy the rest of your week!---Craig

Warren County Historical Tidbits: Warrenton Presbyterian Church

Warrenton's *First* Church Built

OK...I need to ask your understanding. I have the pieces of the story about the Warrenton Presbyterian Church, but I'm struggling to connect them. Since there are so many great things I need to let you know about going on in Warren County today and this weekend, I am going to deliver the newsletter "as-is"...with no finished tidbit. That will come in a separate email tomorrow.

Thank you for your understanding...and don't forget to buy your gifts for Boxes For Battalions and Santa's Christmas List today & tomorrow!

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

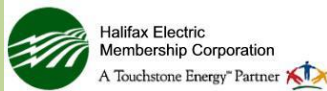
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Upcoming Member Events

“Santa’s Christmas List” Final Week!

Please give now thru Saturday



Just three more days to amass our gifts for Santa to give to Warren County children in need this year! 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 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 Cafe.

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.

Boxes For Battalions

Send A Little Christmas Cheer To Our Troops Overseas



It seems like the news channels have all but forgotten that we still have troops deployed in Afghanistan, Iraq and the Middle Eastern Theater...but there are still thousands of men and women in harm’s way this Christmas Season. Thanks to Rebecca Harris & **Citizens Insurance & Bonding Co.** you can help make their days a little merrier with small gifts through “Boxes For Battalions.”

Hard candy, writing pads, pens, paper, DVD’s, Nabs, deodorant, toothpaste...the list of possible gifts you can include can go on and on and on. Last year Rebecca sent 18 boxes like those to the left full of gifts from Warren County...this year we’d like to send even more!

Warren County
Cooperative Extension
NYC Trip
9 - 11 December

Lakeland Theatre
**Volunteer Appreciation
Dinner**
December 9 5:30pm
Littleton

Lakeland Theatre
**'Twas The Night Before
Christmas**
December 9, 10, 11
Littleton

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

"Hallelujah! It's
Christmas!"
Saturday 17 December
8:00pm
Lakeland Theatre Littleton

Contact Us

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252-257-2657

Just drop your gifts by **Citizens Insurance & Bonding Co.** at 116 North Main Street in Warrenton between now and 9 December (Friday). A few simple gifts from you will mean the world to our troops in Afghanistan. Please consider donating today. Questions? Call Rebecca at **(252) 257-3128**.

Fruit & Gourmet Baskets From CC's Showers of Distinction

Unique gifts delivered within 24 hours, Mon-Sat



We all have that occasion where we need a special gift to send to someone...flowers aren't exactly right for some reason...and we don't have the ability to bake something and drop it by. **CC's Showers of Distinction** has the answer: A basket of wine, fruit and gourmet food is always a welcome gesture. Each basket is a one-of-a-kind creation, specially prepared with love & creativity by **CC's Showers of Distinction**.

CC's Showers of Distinction is located at 106 North Main Street in Warrenton and can be reached by calling them at 252-432-9814 or emailing [Carolyn Cheek](mailto:Carolyn.Cheek@ccshowers.com).

Fruits may include apples, pears or bananas. Gourmet selections may include cheeses, nuts, meat or hard candies. Features of these unique baskets include:

- A free gift card with your personal message.
- Arrives in a stylish wicker basket, ready to be displayed.
- Hand delivered to the recipient's home or office.
- A plush teddy bear, balloons, wine, champagne or chocolates may be added to your order for an additional cost.

Stop by or call them today and order your basket!

Hometown Christmas Memories

Look For The Businesses in Warrenton & Norlina Decorating Their Windows

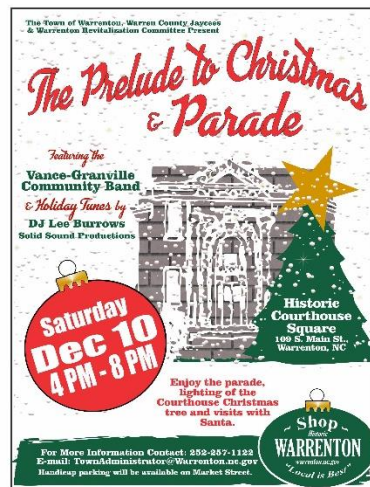
Thanks to the energy from the Chamber of Commerce of Warren County's Board Member Roger Griesinger in recruiting local businesses, this year we're kicking off a Christmas window-decorating contest among businesses in Warrenton and Norlina. There's no fee to enter...and businesses can choose a secular or religious theme...whatever they would like to convey about their "Hometown Christmas Memories."

Between now and December 9th, look for the decorations to appear in time for final judging. The winning window in each town will receive a \$75 grand prize...picked by a judge from out of Warren County and awarded on Saturday, December 10. There are already some great windows up from CC's Showers of Distinction, Hardware Café and others...with at least 14 more contestants hard at work! Head downtown and enjoy our local, Warren County Christmas decorations!

If you'd like to participate and haven't been contacted yet, please call me at 252-257-2657 and we'll get you the entry form for your business' window.

Prelude To Christmas 2016 & Parade

Saturday 10 December in Downtown Warrenton



In less than 10 days we can all enjoy 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. The Festivities start at 4:00pm and continue until 8:00pm.

For more information contact the Warrenton Town Hall at 252-257-1122 or email at townadministrator@warrenton.nc.gov.

Warren County Schools Welcomes CIS

\$125,000 Grant from AT&T

Communities In Schools of North Carolina will provide school wide support and services to Warren County High School, thanks to a \$125,000 grant from AT&T.

In a brief ceremony on Dec. 7, county and school officials gathered in the theater at Warren County High School to officially launch the partnership, and describe how Communities In Schools will assist students.

"We're very fortunate in Warren County to have a group that works very well together," said Dr. Ray Spain, superintendent of Warren County Schools. "Communities In Schools is another part of our repertoire to address the needs of our students. That's one of the reasons we wanted this partnership."

In August, CISNC received a \$750,000 Aspire grant from AT&T to support CISNC's Powering the Future program. Powering the Future serves students in grades 9 through 12 in six rural high schools where graduation rates are far below the state average, and less than 25 percent of students are grade-level proficient.

Of that grant, \$125,000 will be used to help students at Warren County High School.



Pictured from left to right, Warren County High School Principal Darrel Richardson; Robert Doreau, regional director of external affairs for AT&T; Barbara Brayboy, chairwoman of the Warren County Board of Education; Jill Cox, chief operating officer of Communities In Schools of North Carolina; Lynne Lassiter, vice chairwoman of the Warren County Board of Education; and Dr. Ray Spain, superintendent of Warren County Schools.

Among those in attendance at the launch were Board of Education Chairwoman Barbara Brayboy and Vice Chairwoman Lynne Lassiter; Warren County Manager Linda Worth, and Warren County Commissioner T. Davis.

Communities In Schools provides wraparound services to propel students to success. Student support specialists based in schools work to connect students and their families with evidence-based services and

supports along with critical educational and community-based resources to increase attendance, improve behavior, enhance coursework, and engage families in student success.

Latonia Oakley is the student support specialist in Warren County High School. Oakley has experience in behavior management and targeted case management, and has already planned several events for students. "I want these kids to understand you can be from a small area and do great things," Oakley said.

Jill Cox, chief operating officer, said CISNC is fortunate to have received the grant from AT&T, Cox said, and will work strategically to bring about positive change in Warren County and Warren County High School.

"As we look at our strategies at Communities In Schools and what we'll do in this community, we'll do so in terms of what are the barriers we need to address," she said. "We're going to spend time peeling away those barriers."

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.

Hardware Café Weekly Specials

Lots of Goodness Featured This Week



Just got word via email with this week's specials at Hardware Café. Thought you'd like them to plan your lunch this week!

Here's the latest from Rachel...

Wishing you all a wonderful week!

Thursday: Turkey, Havarti cheese, lettuce, tomato, and mayo topped with tomato preserves (sourced locally from Turtle Creek at Lake Gaston) served on flatbread.

Soup: Tomato Basil Bisque

Friday: Sloppy Grilled Cheese. Homemade Sloppy Joes topped with cheddar cheese served on toasted Pepperoni & Cheese Bread served with chips and a pickle.

Soup: Lobster Bisque

*******WINE TASTING!!*******

Thursday Dec 8th 6p-9p -- Call Now for Reservations! 252-257-2779

Wine appreciation is a fun hobby to share with friends and family! Please join us Thursday, December 8th from 6pm til 8pm for a wine tasting hosted by the Hardware Cafe and Coastal Beverage Company, Inc. We will feature 8 different wines, 4 whites and 4 reds, in a relaxed atmosphere with good laughs and great food. There will be a buffet style Hors d'oeuvre table which will include desserts. \$25 per person covers all-you-can-eat Hors d'oeuvres, tastings of all 8 wines, and 1 full glass of the wine of your choosing. There will also be beer available for an additional purchase.

The menu consists of:

- Prosciutto Crostini topped with a Veggie Salad (vegetarian option available)
- Ham & Cheese Pinwheels
- Teriyaki Chicken & Pineapple Skewers
- Shrimp Dip
- Sun-Dried Tomato Dip
- Bacon Wrapped Apricots
- Mixed Vegetable Tray

Desserts:

- Praline Crack
- Cream Cheese Squares
- Brownie Cookies with Salted Caramel Crème Filling
- Oreo Truffles

*******WINE TASTING!!*******

Friday Night Dinner Specials:

Pork Loin

or

Flounder Oregonata

2 four-ounce flounder filets topped with breadcrumbs, garlic, lemon, and parsley.

Both entrees are served with your choice of Garden or Caesar Salad, Baked Potato, and Basil Honey Bread.

Duke Energy Seasonal Money-Saving Tips & Tools

Don't Let High Energy Bills Be Your Grinch

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Before you go to fa-la-la decking those halls this season, take advantage of Duke Energy's [holiday lighting calculator](#) to determine the most efficient way to display your holiday spirit.

Users can identify the type of lights, the number of 100-bulb strands and how many hours the lights will be used per day to estimate the energy cost

per day and per month. Based on their selections, customers can receive energy-efficient tips and options.

For example, six 100-bulb sets of large, incandescent bulbs (600 bulbs total) plugged in six hours every evening can add as much as \$80 to a monthly power bill.

By comparison, six 100-bulb sets of similarly styled light-emitting diode (LED) bulbs would increase a monthly power bill by only about \$7. Using six 100-bulb sets of mini-LED bulbs would increase a monthly power bill by only \$1.

Watts cooking?

Turkey, stuffing and pie are just some of the staples of a holiday feast. And, a lot of your energy goes in to mixing, roasting and baking your favorite dishes. Use our [cooking calculator](#) to see the total cost of preparing everything from appetizers to desserts.

Money-saving tips to combat the cold

As the holiday season heats up, temperatures will cool down. Help save on your winter energy bills with the following tips:

- The thermostat can be the biggest contributor of high winter bills. Select the lowest comfortable setting on your thermostat when you're home, then lower the temperature a degree or two when you leave.
- Change air filters regularly. A dirty air filter makes a heating system work harder, which uses more energy.
- Inefficient heating can also add to monthly power bills during colder temperatures. Regular service calls from a licensed technician will help to properly maintain your heating and cooling system.
- The ceiling fan is a great way to stay cool in the summer and warm in the winter. Simply set the fans to operate in a clockwise direction, which pushes warm air back down into the room.
- On sunny days, leave your drapes or blinds open to allow the sun's rays to warm the house.
- Wear warm clothing for additional energy savings at home. If you're planning a holiday party this season, consider an ugly sweater theme. That way, you can bump down the thermostat a degree or two while your guests stay toasty and warm.

A safe and happy holiday season

Having a happy holiday means having a safe holiday. Before you transform your home into a festival of lights, follow these tips to stay safe and happy this holiday season:

- Before installing lights, check each set – new and old – for damaged sockets, loose connections and frayed or bare wires. Discard damaged sets or repair them before using.
- Never use more than three standard-sized sets of lights per extension cord.
- Plug exterior lights into ground-fault interruptible (GFI) outlets only. If the home lacks outside GFI outlets, call an electrician to install them.
- Before climbing a ladder, inspect it to ensure it's in good working condition and follow the weight limits specified on the ladder and manufacturer instructions.
- Never use a ladder on or near power lines.

For more tips and information on how to save energy and money visit www.duke-energy.com.

Lakeland Theatre Presents “’Twas the Night Before Christmas” & “Hallelujah! It’s Christmas!”

Coming in December

First up on the Lakeland stage, 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](#).

And don’t miss the one-day musical presentation of **“Hallelujah! It’s Christmas!”** as the Lakeland Theatre Company and The Farrington Foundation present The Lakeland Singers. This 17 December show begins at 8:00pm. For reservations, please call 252-586-3124 ext. 3

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

December 14th 6pm - Work Session

December 23, 26 & 27 County Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday

Senior Center - (252) 257-3111

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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

Memorial Library - (252) 257-4990

All December Holiday Cards to our Troops

December 19th 12pm - Christmas in the Movies

December 12th 4pm - Library's Tree Lighting & Cookie Party

December 13th 12pm - What's on the Table - Julia Child Film series

December 15th 12pm - A Snowy Day - Crafts, Coloring, and Stories

December 15th 4pm - Teen Games & Coloring

Wednesdays 11am - Color Therapy

#1 - [County Activities](#)

#2 - [Community Activities](#)

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.

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
 - **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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