



# 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?

It's All About Community and Y'all Show It

"...I just wanted to stop by and thank you so much for **mmmmm** (I deleted the specifics to keep the conversation semi-private). You really didn't have to do mmmmm..."

"Well, ma'am, it's a pleasure doing things for good people."

Wow! If that doesn't capture the essence of a real and vibrant community, I don't know what does!

That snippet of a conversation above, full of smiles is just a small example of one of the scores I heard and participated in at The Littleman Foundation Dinner & Auction Friday night at the Armory. Everywhere I looked that night people were smiling, hugging, shaking hands, visiting and enjoying a very special evening. Hundreds of people gathered for a delicious prime rib dinner with friends and to raise money for an excellent cause. This was our community at its finest.

But as I thought about the past week, this was just one of many examples of community I experience regularly....

The Sunday before last I was invited to enjoy an incredible spread of eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits & more with the Warrenton Baptist Church's Men's Fellowship Breakfast. A tradition for the past 40 years or more, these men gather for fellowship on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. It was a fantastic way to start my Sunday morning!

And this past Sunday, the members of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church gathered after the service for a covered dish supper to say goodbye to 5-year pastor, Reverend Deb Phelps who is retiring. The fried chicken was perfect, the deviled eggs just like you remember, but the smiles, the conversations and the fellowship again made all of the food even that much better.

So many times today towns search for that thing...that thing that Susan Harris reminds people in her talks around the State "that everyone wants & we have in Warren County"...that thing that leaves us feeling better just for having been there...that thing we have day in and day out here in Warren County - Community. As long as we have it, everything else will follow.

---Craig

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### Upcoming Member Events

Warren FoodWorks  
**Wednesday 22 June**  
**3:45 – 5:15 pm**  
**BreadShare Pickups**

Warren FoodWorks  
**Friday 24 June**  
**6:30pm – 9:00pm**  
**Pretty In Paint: Patriotic Rural Theme**

Warren FoodWorks  
**Saturday 25 June**  
**4:00pm – 6:00pm**  
**Mortal Kombat X Tournament**

Farmers' Market 2016  
**Saturday 25 June**  
**8am - Noon**  
**BB&T Parking Lot**

Lakeland Theatre  
**June 24, 25 & 26**  
**Times Vary**  
**"12 Angry Jurors"**

## Warren County Historical Tidbits: The Raleigh & Gaston Depot

A "Must-See" Warren County Treasure

The evening of March 29<sup>th</sup> that year was cool and crisp, lit by a brilliant moon. You know the kind of night I'm talking about...great sleeping weather in the days before air conditioning, but just enough nip in the air to remind you to keep the tomato plants on the back porch for a few more weeks. It was on this night that Willie White, local merchant, stood on the platform waiting for the return of his sister, Mary, from Petersburg.

As the train pulled in, the few passengers began to step off of the train. Willie saw his sister, but then noticed an elderly gentleman and young woman who exited just ahead of Mary. Was it? Really? Just then the man raised his bearded face to look up and Willie knew him in an instant. It was Robert E. Lee.

That night, March 29, 1870, saw the arrival of probably the most famous visitor to grace the cypress-planked platform of the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad Depot at Warren Plains. The full story of Mr. Lee's visit to Warren County will have to wait for another telling, for today we're going to talk about that old depot...a unique treasure for North Carolina and most of the South in general.



When Robert E. Lee visited, the depot was practically brand new – having been built in 1863 to serve a vital North/South supply line during the Civil War. In that day there was a separate passenger waiting area to the east of the current depot and an open cargo platform to the west...both lost to time and disuse.

In talking with current owner, Bill Frazier (Warren County natives know him fondly as "Coach") last week, he told me that during its 97 years of service the depot had two primary agents. The first agent, Mr. W. S. Terrell, oversaw the depot from its opening until 1906 at which time Mr. A.P. Rodwell took the helm until it was closed in 1960. Mr. Terrell left his mark for us to see today...just turn to the right as you enter the depot, look up at the wall about 10 feet up and you'll see the faded signature in black paint, "W. S. Terrell".

What? You're not sure where this depot is? My apology for the lack of directions. From downtown Warrenton, take Main Street North for just about 3 miles. Once you cross the 158 Bypass you're less than a mile from the depot on the right. And from Norlina it's a straight shot east down 158, thru the light at the Food Lion and left at the next road with the flashing light, Warren Plains Road. You can't miss the depot on the right.

Now from my own research and the information provided by Bill Frazier, this depot is one of *the*...if not **THE** oldest...wooden depots standing on its original location built prior to the end of the Civil War. The use of cypress and excellent craftsmanship, added to the fact that the War in North Carolina stopped 60 miles to our southwest at Bennett Place, so there was no need for it to be burned, plus the love for local history and maintenance

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by the Rose & Frazier families since 1963 have ensured that we can look through the window of history at this treasure today.

It is definitely worth a short trip to see the current collection of antiques for sale there; however, I can guarantee if you'll ask Mr. Frazier to show you some of the history of the depot he'll gladly show his treasure. Look up at the huge beams...all hand-hewn and fitted together with wooden pegs. Elaborate lap joints fit boards together. Walk in to the Agent's office and the original phone is still hanging on the wall! Right next to it you can still see the dust outlines where the cables for the telegraph came in and down to a desk. Oh, and if you want to see a little about the business of this historic depot, just ask to see the Seaboard Airline Railroad poster on the wall where Mr. A. P. Rodwell did a little figuring more than 75 years ago on some freight costs.



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If you're looking for an excellent way to spend an afternoon to see some history, browse through incredible antiques and enjoy some friendly conversation, then make plans to stop by and see Bill Frazier and a unique part of our state's past right here in Warren County.

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.*

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## Welcome to Our Newest Member: CC's Showers of Distinction

Welcome to a Main Street Warrenton Icon

It gives me great pleasure to welcome our newest member to The Chamber of Commerce of Warren County, **CC's Showers of Distinction!** Located at 106 North Main Street next to Milano's in Warrenton, this is a store that reminds me of a creative version of the old general stores...there is a wide variety of things they offer. Owner **Carolyn Cheek, CC** to her friends and customers, is always on hand and a joy to talk to.

Looking for a florist? Maybe you need an arrangement for a memorial...or for a wedding? Or flowers for a special occasion...Count on CC's. Speaking of weddings...CC's is a complete wedding & party design studio. What if you need to get a suit or other clothes dry-cleaned? No need to drive to Henderson or South Hill or farther. CC works with an out-of-town cleaners so you can drop your clothes with her and pick them up, ready for work, school, church or that special occasion.

If you currently have children or grandchildren in school, stop by CC's for a complete selection of school uniforms. And if business needs are on your list, CC's Showers of Distinction offers Notary Public service as well as bail bonds.

Next time you're in downtown Warrenton, stop in and see **CC's Showers of Distinction.**

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## Lakeland Theatre Company: 12 Angry Jurors

June 24, 25 & 26



The Drama, "12 Angry Jurors", opened this past weekend at Lakeland Theatre Company to the delight of the audience.

The patrons said the actors and action kept them completely spellbound throughout the play. Many felt it was one of the best productions they have seen in a long time.

The three remaining performances are this coming Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Tickets available through the box office by calling 252-586-2124. (Tickets \$16.00 Adults, \$9.00 Student).

Check out more upcoming shows at [www.lakelandtheatrenc.org](http://www.lakelandtheatrenc.org).

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## Loaves & Fishes Desperately Needs Your Help

Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays

The Loaves & Fishes Ministries does so much for our neighbors in need here in Warren County. Now they find themselves in dire need of your help. Volunteers are needed immediately to help with unloading food deliveries and preparing food boxes for clients. Volunteers are mainly needed during the hours of 9am – 4pm on Mondays & Wednesdays as well as 9am – Noon on Tuesdays.

Any amount of time will be greatly appreciated. If you can help, please show up at the food pantry on one of the above days. You may also call 252-257-1160 for more information.

Loaves & Fishes is located at 538 W. Ridgeway Street in Warrenton behind the Health Department.

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## 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.

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## Lakeland Theatre Auditions!

Come Try Out for the "Rockin' 50's"



July 10 at 2:30 & July 11 at 7:00 put on your poodle skirts & saddle shoes, we're heading to malt shop! Lakeland Theatre announces open auditions for the "Rockin' 50's", a fun filled musical review. Auditions will be held 10 July at 2:30pm & 11 July at 7pm.

**"Rockin' 50's" performance dates are September 16, 17, 18, 23 & 24.**

All roles are open to men and women, boys and girls 12 or older. They're looking for singers and dancers – this is a great opportunity for first time performers.

Be prepared to sing your favorite song or to show off your dance moves. Show song selections are flexible. If you have a favorite song, come sing it for us!

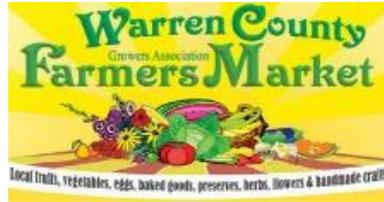
Review performances require minimal rehearsal commitments and are a great way to get your feet wet in theatre.

This review will be directed by Kathey Gutteresen. For more information contact Lakeland at 252 586-3124 x 902 or email [kathey@lakelandtc.org](mailto:kathey@lakelandtc.org).

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# 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.

You may hear a bell now at the market! Someone heard we wanted to celebrate when one of our vendors "sell out" and donated a brass bell to ring.

New items are arriving! Just last week they added Green beans (or snaps), new potatoes (including fingerling potatoes), and green tomatoes! Soon, kitty treats will be added for pets!

## What's available at your Farmers Market?

- Bluebird houses
- Local honey
- Farm fresh eggs
- Marinades and sauces
- Jams and Jellies - possibly
- Baked Goods - Returning soon!
- Vegetables
  - Spring collards
  - Rutabaga - something NEW for our market! Thanks to Mr. Dillahunt.
  - Cabbage - Pointy head, savoy and traditional
  - Swiss chard
  - Green tomatoes
  - Green beans/snaps
  - Spring onions
  - Beets
  - Purple peppers
  - Carrots
  - Yellow squash
  - Light green zucchini
  - Dark green Zucchini
  - Zen - A green with a lettuce, spinach, and collard flavor
  - New potatoes

## 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](http://warrengrowers.com).

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## 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 kick things off...

**Brain Freeze, Main Street Warrenton:** Now this is a great lunch time deal! Get 2 hotdogs, drink & chips for \$5.00 and they'll add in a small cup of ice cream for FREE. I had this last Wednesday and it was delicious!

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

**Oakley Hall Antiques, Main Street Warrenton:** Save 20% on any items, except "firm" priced and consignment items.

**Lickskillet Dog Grooming & Kennels:** 15% off retail products...chew toys, leashes, collars, harnesses and more.

**Tar Heel Tire, Ridgeway Street Warrenton:** Here's another HUGE Warren Wednesday Special from Tar Heel Tire...bring your car or light truck (pickup) in and get your tires rotated for FREE. Great way to extend the life of your tires.

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

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

**Second Hand Rose Antiques, Main Street Warrenton:** 20% off select furniture. We've bought a number of pieces from Rose...you'll love the selection and the authentic antique furniture.

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

**Warrenton Furniture Exchange, Franklin Street Warrenton:** Save 10% off any Troutman Rocker (that's a big \$ savings!). These are the rockers you see on the porches of all the historic hotels.

**Futrell Pharmacy, Main Street Warrenton:** Buy one QC brand vitamins, get the second of equal or lesser value, half price. Stop by and see Woody, Kim Sherry and Susan AND save \$\$\$.

**Friends Two, Main Street Warrenton:** Get 15% off regularly priced, select jewelry!

**Quilt Lizzy, Macon Street Warrenton:** Stop by Quilt Lizzy on Macon Street in Warrenton for Warren Wednesday savings! Thread is buy one/get one free just because you live in Warren County.

**Roost Crossroads Antiques:** 30% off any OO or DP items in the store.  
**Pete Smith Quick Lube & Tire, Main Street Warrenton:** Get 10% off your oil change on Wednesdays!  
**Awesome God Christian Bookstore, Main Street Warrenton:** 50% off the limited supply of light blue girls and boys school uniform tops.  
**Warren FoodWorks, Main Street Warrenton:** 10% off any coffee, tea or cocoa beverage.  
**Lin's Everything Business, Main Street Warrenton:** Every Wednesday is "Copy Day"...10 cents off each copy means B&W are just 15 cents and just 20 cents for Color. This is a great day to get those Church bulletins or club flyers printed.  
**Cheap Joe's Clothes, Main Street Warrenton:** 25% off Speed Zone Sport Shirts and Select Women's Plus Size Sun Dresses.

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](mailto:info@warren-chamber.org) or call at 252-257-2657.

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## Warren FoodWorks: Weekly Goings-On

Take Advantage of Their New Breakfast...

[Click here for full menu](#)

### Weekly Specials

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

**Cucumber Dill Soup (2.95/4.95)**

*Featuring cucumbers from Danylu of G&D Produce and mint from Frank Dillahunt*

**Quiche of the Week, Collard and Provolone (2.95/4.95)**

*Featuring collards from Jeff Bender of Bender Farms Produce, Ashe County Provolone Cheese, and eggs from Before & Afton Farm*

**Pasta Salad with Cucumbers, Squash, and Tomatoes (2.95/6.95)**

*Featuring cucumbers and squash from G&D Produce and tomatoes from Franklin Brothers Nursery*

### Breakfast Sandwiches

Great news! FoodWorks is serving homemade breakfast sandwiches and casseroles featuring local eggs, meat and produce. Stop by and fuel up before you start your day!

### Grab and Go!

Be sure to stop by our cold cases for fresh-made grab-and-go items, as well as pasture raised meat and eggs!

### Baked Goods

Strong Arm Bakery will be bringing fresh baked goods every Wednesday along with the weekly Breadshares from 3:45 to 5:15

**Local Baker, Susan Long, is joining our staff to bake bread for our breakfast and lunch sandwiches. Come in this week and try our new breads!**

Denise Allen will still be stocking the bakery case with her delicious treats. This week we will have lemon pound cake, chocolate pound cake, and a host of other specialties.

**As always Free Wi-Fi and the best view in Warrenton, bring your computer, a book, or a friend and come relax at FoodWorks**

## **NEW Hours for Warren FoodWorks**

Warren FoodWorks begins new hours:

Tue	7a - 3p
Wed	7a - 3p
Thu	7a - 3p
Fri	7a - 6p
Sat	9a - 3p

## **Class A Office Space For Rent**

100 - 600 sq. feet available on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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## **The Tarheel Traveler Stops By Warren County**

**A Visit With Warren's Own Sears Bugg**



Sears Bugg started rescuing and releasing box turtles his dad found on the highway when he was a young boy. Today, he continues the tradition and invited school and church groups to come learn about the animals.

Recently, WRAL's "Tarheel Traveler" stopped by to see Sears and learn about his turtle rescue. As you watch the video below, it's interesting to note that the 20 x 24 turtle pen is made of treated lumber that fell into Lake Gaston during Hurricane Fran 20 years ago from Sears' river farm bulkhead.

Take a few minutes to watch this wonderful story about one of your neighbors...definitely great for a smile!

The video is available here: [Rescued turtles recover at Warrenton home :: WRAL.com](#)

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## Warren County Government Info Board

Budget, Senior Center & Library

**Here's the latest on upcoming meetings, events and other important dates from Warren County Government:**

**Commissioners' Budget Calendar**

June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 7:00pm – Special Meeting to Adopt FY 2016-17 Budget Ordinance

**Warren County Senior Center Activities:**

June 24<sup>th</sup> – 9am – RAPIDD Picnic, Bullocksville Park

**Warren County Memorial Library:**

**(Every Monday Friends of the Library Book Sale)**

June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Noon Afternoon Tea with the BBC

June 24<sup>th</sup> – Noon Summer Reading Kickoff!

June 28<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am Music & Movement

June 30<sup>th</sup> – 11:30 am Tech Time Computer Class

June 30<sup>th</sup> – Noon Beth's Tasty Home

If you're looking for a full list of upcoming events, click on "Community News" under "County Commissioners" on the County website:

[http://warrencountync.com/\\_fileUploads/forms/728\\_DOC061316-06132016110540.pdf](http://warrencountync.com/_fileUploads/forms/728_DOC061316-06132016110540.pdf)

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## Lakeland Theatre Company: Aladdin!

Begins 15 July

Lakeland Theatre Company Presents Disney's Aladdin, Jr. July 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm, 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00pm. This show is presented by the participants in Lakeland's Youth Workshop and is sure to send audiences soaring on a flying carpet ride filled with romance and adventure.

When Aladdin vies for the attention of the beautiful Princess Jasmine, he uses a genie's magic power to become a prince in order to marry her. Disney's Aladdin, Jr., a musical adventure filled with magic, mayhem and the power of love.

Tickets can be purchased through our website [www.lakelandtc.org](http://www.lakelandtc.org) or by calling 252 -586-3124. Tickets are just \$16.00 for Adults & \$9.00 for Students.

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## 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](mailto:info@warren-chamber.org). I'll add it to next week's newsletter.

- **Warren FoodWorks.** Strong Arm Baking Company continues their Breadshare pickup this Wednesday from 3:45 – 5:15! They'll also be bringing a variety of hearth baked bread and artisanal pastries for you to sample and buy. Sign up for your Breadshare today by contacting Strong Arm Baking Co. directly: email: [info@strongarmbaking.com](mailto:info@strongarmbaking.com), call (828) 400-4826 or visit [www.StrongArmBaking.com](http://www.StrongArmBaking.com)
  - **Warrenton Animal Clinic.** June Promotion: See the Difference! During the month of June, we are offering a complimentary fecal test 3 weeks after your purchase of dewormer. We want you to see the difference that you have made for your dog! See website for details: <http://www.warrentonanimalclinic.com/promotions>
  - **Warren FoodWorks.** This is the opportunity to realize how much artistic talent you really do have! Join your friends for another "Pretty In Paint" on Friday, 24 June from 6:30 – 9:00pm. This month's theme is a patriotic rural theme, just in time for Independence Day.
  - **Warren FoodWorks.** Gamers rejoice...it's a Mortal Kombat X Tournament, Saturday from 4:00 – 6:00pm. This is a double-elimination tournament with a prize. Personal controllers are permitted. For questions, please call: 252-820-2447.
  - **Fire House Biscuits & Burgers.** Every week you can stop in for a great meal and these specials: Monday – Fried chicken & BBQ w/ 2 sides, roll and drink \$6.99; Tuesday – 2 pork chops w/ 2 sides, roll and drink \$6.99; Wednesday – Meatloaf, 2 sides, roll and drink \$6.99; Thursday – Hamburger steak with gravy w/ 2 sides, roll and drink \$6.99; Friday – Fish plate \$6.99 or Shrimp or Combo plate \$7.99 both w/ hushuppies, 2 sides and drink.
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