

The Warren Record

Warren Retail Sales Jump With Food Sales Leading Way

Retail sales in Warren County increased from \$42,286,000 in 1985 to \$46,354,000 in 1986 or by 9.6%, according to figures recently released by Sales and Sales Management Corporation, one of the nation's most widely read and respected private economic reporters.

Retail sales in North Carolina were 6.1% greater in 1986 than those of 1985. Total national retail sales were

\$1,476.2 billion in 1986 or 5.8% greater than 1985 national retail sales of \$1,395.2 billion.

For a number of obvious reasons both government and private economists carefully monitor retail sales and other retail activity. Retail sales are almost by themselves evidence of both national and local economic conditions. The overwhelming majority of consumer

goods are obtained on the retail level. Retail demand almost immediately translates into demand for manufactured goods and agricultural products. Other sectors of the economy, including credit and transportation, are also inevitable, and almost as immediately, affected by the requirements of retail trade.

There is considerable discrepancy between methods used by various

state and local governments to report retail sales. Many rely upon state and local tax figures (particularly sales taxes). Since many states and localities exempt certain and different items from various taxes, it is often difficult to obtain comparative figures from one locality to another. This is one of the reasons that private reports which use a standard definition for retail sales throughout

the country are often considered to be more reliable sources of retail sales information.

For statistical purposes, retail sales are divided into several categories. These include food, eating and drinking places, general merchandise, furniture and appliances, automotive, drugs, and all others. These definitions are somewhat ar-

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Number Of Voters Increases

The number of registered voters in Warren County increased from late January, a report given by Ruby Jones, supervisor of the Warren County Board of Elections, indicates.

On January 21 of this year, 10,122 voters were registered in Warren County. When registration ended on April 4, Warren County had 343 more voters, a total of 10,465.

According to Mrs. Jones, of the 10,465 registered, 10,018 of the voters are registered as Democrats. Republican registrations total 372, while there are 75 unaffiliated Warren County voters.

A total of 50 absentee ballot applications have been received. Absentee ballot voting began on March 14, and the deadline for absentee ballot requests is May 2 at 5 p.m.

Besides the gubernatorial, state and congressional races, there will be several local primaries in Warren County. There are two seats available on the Board of Education, two seats available for county commissioner, and the Warren County Register of Deeds position is open.

For more information, contact the Board of Elections at 257-2114.

Registration For Youngsters Being Planned

Registration for all children in Warren County who are eligible to enter kindergarten in September will be held at area elementary schools listed below. Registration for kindergarten is open to every child who is five years old on or before October 16, 1988.

Registration will be held at Vaughan Elementary School on Tuesday, April 26 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.; Northside Elementary School on Tuesday, April 26 from 3 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. for children with last names A-H and on Wednesday, April 27 from 3 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. for children whose last names begin with I-Z; South Warren Elementary School on Wednesday, April 27 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.; and at Mariam Boyd Elementary School on Thursday, April 28 from 9 a.m. until.

Parents should bring their child, a birth certificate and immunization record.

A pre-school Screening Program will be available for all registering children. This 30-45 minute screening will include hearing and speech and basic skills screening. Results of this screening will be available to parents at a later date.

Each child entering kindergarten is required to have a Health Assessment between January 1 and December 31, 1988. Health Assessment forms are available at area doctors' offices and the health department. Any questions concerning this assessment will be answered at the screening.

Down To The Wire



Remember how the smell of a freshly opened bag of potato chips can drive you up the wall? It's apparently no different for members of the bovine family as this picture of two calves fighting over the last potato chip while grazing between Warrenton and Norlina will attest. (Staff Photo by Phyllis H. King)

Effectiveness Rankings Are Given

Warren's Delegation Is Evaluated

An election-year evaluation of the effectiveness of North Carolina's legislators released yesterday by the North Carolina Center for Public Policy Research of Raleigh suggests that lawmakers representing Warren County vary widely in terms of their effectiveness.

Effectiveness rankings were released for all 50 members of the N.C. Senate and 120 members of the House of Representatives for the current 1987-88 N.C. General Assembly.

For the fourth consecutive session, both Senate Majority Leader Kenneth C. Royall, Jr. (D-Durham) and House Speaker Liston B. Ramsey (D-Madison) were rated the most effective legislators.

"Since the Center's first effectiveness rankings in 1978, the survey has been a consistently fair measure of the effectiveness of legislators," said Ran Coble, executive director of the Center. "Those who assess effectiveness and who make the rankings are the best qualified people to make these judgments—the legislators themselves, registered lobbyists who work with the General Assembly regularly, and capital news correspondents who cover the legislature daily."

Among the three members of the N.C. House representing the 22nd District, which includes a large portion of Warren County, William T. Watkins (D-Granville) ranking second among his 119 colleagues was rated the most effective. John T. Church (D-Vance) was ranked 23rd in effectiveness, and James W. Crawford, Jr. (D-Granville) was ranked 36th.

One Person Injured During Narrow Escape At Afton Fire

Warren County firefighters battled an early morning house fire on Tuesday in which one person was injured in a narrow escape.

A fire broke out in the kitchen of a home located in the Afton community, destroying nearly half of the single-story wood structure.

At 6:30 a.m., Afton and Warrenton Rural Fire Departments were called to the scene of the fire at the home of Girtie Williams. Apparently the fire started near an electric stove on which Mrs. Williams had been cooking breakfast.

The fire spread quickly into the back bedrooms of the house, where most of the family was still sleeping. Stanley Williams awoke to the smell of smoke in the

house. He was unable to open the bedroom door and finally escaped by crashing through a window with his two children.

After his escape, he went around to another window and helped his cousin, Lory Taylor, 10, escape from the burning structure.

Taylor suffered minor cuts on the shoulder and legs while escaping through the window. He was transported to Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson for treatment.

Firemen from both departments stayed on the scene for an hour and a half making sure that the fire was completely out.

There was heavy smoke and water damage to the sections of the house which were not burned. Afton Fire Chief Dean Andrews

determined the house a total loss. He estimated damages to the home and its contents at \$20,000 or more.

A fire call came in on April 7 at 1:50 p.m. from Wilma D. Alston of Rt. 2, Warrenton. The paneling in her living room caught fire around the chimney, causing part of the wall and ceiling around the chimney to ignite in flames.

According to Chief Kenny Clayton of the Warrenton Rural Fire Department, the paneling was located too close to the chimney connection. When the area became too hot, the paneling was ignited, sending flames up the wall and onto the ceiling.

Clayton stated that some of the wall and ceiling had to be torn down to put the fire out.

Before Camp Approved

Zoning Changes Needed At Lake

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Changes in zoning for the tract of land which is the proposed site for a multi-million dollar development on Lake Gaston are needed before the Warren County Planning Board can give approval for Bright Horizons Camp.

Bright Horizons Camp is a \$3-4 million development which was proposed by New Jersey doctors Willie Carter and Roy Jones. Cathedral Designs has been contacted by the doctors to provide architectural services.

Their plan is to develop into a campground and commercial area the 145-acre tract of land adjacent to Lake Gaston Baptist Church and owned by Union Camp Paper Company.

Although the land is now zoned residential, the Warren County Planning Board recommended

last Wednesday that the zoning designation of the site be converted into a multiple-zone area: residential, commercial and camping.

The board is working with County Attorney Charles Johnson and the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development to make sure that all the proper steps are taken to rezone the land.

Once the planning board makes its request for the rezoning to the Warren County Commissioners, there will be a public hearing to receive citizens' comments on the project. If there is no opposition and the commissioners approve the request, the plans for Bright Horizons Camp will be under way.

The plans for the project include lodging, national industry camping tourism such as KOA (Kampgrounds of America), restaurants, supermarkets, convenience stores, etc. Recreational areas are also included in the plans.

In other matters, the board:

—Approved revisions on a preliminary plat for Gaston Heights, a subdivision located off S. R. 1316. Revisions included six lot changes and a road change.

—Approved revisions on a preliminary plat for Buck Springs Plantation east and west, which included cutting out a natural ravine for future development, changing the location of a recreational area, and revising 26 lots within the subdivision.

—Approved revisions on a preliminary plat of River Forest, Section III which changed the property line between lots 22A and 22B.

—Approved revisions on a preliminary plat for Summer Woods, Section IV, a subdivision located near the Warren/Halifax county line. The revisions included having lots 29A and 29B on individual septic systems, while lots 30A, 30B, and 30C will use a community well.

Damages to the home were estimated at \$1,500.

On April 9 at 6:40 p.m., Raymond Yancey called firefighters from the Warrenton Rural department to his residence on Plainview Rd., located off the Baltimore Road.

Yancey stated to the firemen that he had been control burning some of the debris from his trailer that had caught fire a few weeks ago. The fire apparently had gotten away from him, causing him to call for assistance.

Damaged in the fire were a camper and some building supplies, estimated at \$1,200.

On April 11, firefighters were called to the residence of Sherry Bullock, on Rt. 3, Warrenton in the Perrytown community.

One of the electrical sockets in her trailer had shorted out, causing minimal damage to the receptacle.

No other damage was reported in the incident.

Hawkins School Is Ransacked

Hawkins Elementary School was the site of unauthorized entry last weekend by a person or persons who ransacked offices and classrooms and made off with items valued at about \$240.

During a routine check at noon last Sunday, Hawkins Principal Joseph Richardson found that glass in the display area of the snack machine in the faculty

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