



**A HOLIDAY FOR MOST**—Recent snow and ice storms have transformed Warren County into something of a winter paradise recently, although we are in the last days of autumn. Sledders take advantage

of the holiday from schools and businesses as they polish their skills high on a hill overlooking Hall's Spring Shopping Center in Warrenton.  
(Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

## Holidays Are In Store For Warren Residents

### Local Closings Are Reported

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It's time once again for county school students and employees of area businesses and service agencies to recognize the Christmas holidays, with many vacations starting Friday at the close of business hours.

All county offices will observe the holiday on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 25 and 26. County offices will reopen for their usual business hours Wednesday, Dec. 27, before being closed again on Monday, Jan. 1 for New Year's Day.

Area schools will observe the Christmas holidays Dec. 21-Jan. 2. Originally, the Christmas holidays were scheduled to begin on Dec. 20—but because of snow and ice covered roads recently, school was closed for three days.

The Warren County Schools' central office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 25 and 26.

Other holiday schedules are:

- all county U.S. Post Offices will be closed Monday but will reopen Tuesday for regular office hours.

- all area banks—BB&T, United Federal Savings & Loan, First Citizens Bank and Peoples Bank & Trust Co.—will be closed Christmas Day and will reopen on Tuesday, Dec. 26.

- area industries will operate on the following schedules: Peck Manufacturing will be closed Dec. 23-27; Cochrane will close Dec. 22-Jan. 2; Stretch Knit Elastics will be closed Dec. 25-Dec. 29; Towle Lace will be closed Dec. 25 and 26; Warren County Apparel will be closed Dec. 22-27; Nekoosa Packaging will be closed Dec. 25 and 26; Central Sportswear will be closed Dec. 22-Jan. 2, 1990; Gilbert Manufacturing will be closed Dec. 25 and 26; Data Services of America will be closed Friday and Monday; and Carolina Sportswear will be closed Dec. 22-27.

- the Farmers Home Administration will be closed Christmas Day.

- the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service will be closed Christmas Day.

- the Soil Conservation Service will be closed Dec. 25-Jan. 1.

- HealthCo will be closed Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 25 and 26, but will reopen Wednesday at 9 a.m. Patients with emergencies while the clinic is closed should call Maria Parham Hospital.

- Warrenton and Norlina town halls will be closed Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 25 and 26.

- The Warren Memorial Library will be closed Dec. 22-26 for Christmas and Dec. 30-Jan. 1 for the New Year holidays.

- The Warren Record will be closed Christmas Day.

#### Safe Cheddar

If mold appears on Cheddar cheese you are storing, you can safely scrape it off and enjoy the rest of the cheese.



**AN EARLY GIFT**—Christmas comes early this year for six-year-old Lucy Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Williams, III, of Inez. Lucy won this bear, dubbed "Crown Prince Charlie," at a drawing held last month to benefit The Chapel of the Good Shepherd in Ridgeway. Despite her November windfall, Lucy shares the hope of hundreds of Warren County children that their good behavior during 1989 will pay dividends come Christmas Day.  
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