



# CHAMBER CHATTER

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### Depot and Knox Theater Update

The Depot renovation was complete; however, the platform on the east side of the building began to sink. This problem is currently being remedied. We are still awaiting permission from DOT to continue with the landscaping and parking lot around the Depot. We hope to receive that anyday.

The Museum Committee has met twice, and is continuing to evolve. Plans are being made to collect items and create exhibits. We will be visiting other museums and asking for guidance from Museum experts. Currently we are asking citizens for Warren County items that date from 1793 – 1850, please call the chamber office or take a picture and mail it to PO Box 27 in Warrenton.

Soon the Museum Committee will be collecting any pictures that we may copy to be displayed for our first exhibit.

The pictures need to be at least 50 years old, with a description and all people in the picture identified.

We hope to have our first event and grand opening in the coming months. If you send us your pictures, we will copy them and have them back to you within 5 days.

Please look through your old photos: family, special occasions, sports, military, school, reunions, clubs, etc.

The front façade of the Knox Theater is complete, and there will be a lighting ceremony in late August or early September. The program and lighting will take place one evening around 7:30 pm.  
More details to follow – everyone is invited!

### CHAMBER BENEFIT - reduce your insurance premiums

Our company benefits greatly by taking advantage of the Drugs Don't Work program through the Warren County Chamber of Commerce. Our company saves approximately \$10,500 each year on our workman's compensation premiums. You don't have to do random testing, and the Chamber provides the necessary documents and newsletters for education. We recommend contacting the Warren County Chamber if you are interested in lowering your premiums.

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