#### Local Organizations

Boys & Girls Club of West Central Wisconsin

Clovers & Cranberries 4-H Club **Cranberry Homemakers Club** Millston Park Commission Road Runners ATV/UTV Club of Monroe County **Tomah-Warrens Sportsman's Alliance** Tomah Area Cancer Support Warren Mills Cemetery Association Warrens Area Business Association Warrens Area Foundation Warrens Area Youth Association Warrens Cranberry Festival Warrens Community Meals Warrens Elementary PTO Warrens Lions Club Warrens Softball Association Warrens Trail Twisters Snowmobile Club Warrens VFW Post No. 5387 Warrens Women's Volleyball League Warrens Yak Club

For details about each organization, including their contact information, see the Local Organizations link on the VisitWarrens.com website.

#### Area Churches

Grace Bible Church 101 Church Street, Warrens Sunday Worship Service - 10 a.m. www.godsgrace4u.net (608) 378-4941

Living Stones Fellowship 310 Main Street, Warrens Friday Night Service - 7 p.m. www.lsfw.org (608) 378-3300

Open Door Baptist Church 7294 County Hwy O, Tomah Sunday Worship Service - 10 a.m. (608) 374-2950

Queen of the Apostles Parish St. Andrew Catholic Church 203 May Street, Warrens Saturday Mass - 6 p.m. See parish website for other Mass times at St. Mary's Church, Tomah www.queenoftheapostlestomah.com (608) 372-4516

St. Matthew Lutheran Church 4285 U.S. Highway 12, Warrens Sunday Worship Service - 9:15 a.m. Wednesday Night Service - 6:30 p.m. www.stmatthewsonline.org

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# Welcome to Warrens

## from the Warrens Area Business Association

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### **History of Warrens**

Known today as the Cranberry Capital of Wisconsin, Warrens was originally a logging town. The first to begin lumbering in what is now the Village of Warrens were George Warren and James Gamble. In 1868, the West Wisconsin Railway laid rails from Tomah to Black River Falls and these two enterprising men set up a sawmill at the present site of Warrens. Soon there was a general store, flour and grist mill, creamery, a hotel, bank and other businesses in what was then known as Warren Mills. In 1892, the name of the post office was changed officially to Warrens.

Even before logging began in the Warrens area, the early immigrant settlers had begun to clear the land. Many area farmers worked in the lumbering industry to supplement their income. Following the decline of logging, agriculture regained its position as the principle source of income, particularly dairying and small fruit growing. In 1923, the Warrens Fruit Growers Association shipped 50 carloads of fresh strawberries. Mint was another important crop at one time. Harvesting of sphagnum moss was and still is done in our area.

Of all the agricultural products grown in the area, cranberries are what we are best known for today. Native Americans and early settlers harvested the wild cranberries that grew in abundance in the area. Exactly when the first cultivation of cranberries took place locally is unknown, but there are cranberry marshes in our area that have been producing the state's No. 1 fruit crop since the early 1870s.



#### WABA & Visit Warrens

The Warrens Area Business Association hosts the www.VisitWarrens.com website and the Visit Warrens Facebook page. To receive information on upcoming events, sign up online for our e-mail updates and become a fan of our Facebook page.

The website also has information on local amenities, including:

- Attractions & Activities
- Food & Restaurants
- Lodging & Camping
- Gift & Specialty Shops
- Brewery & Winery
- Farm Markets & Orchards
- Other Businesses & Services
- And more!

Membership in WABA is open to all area businesses, organizations and interested residents. For more information, see the WABA page on the Visit Warrens website.

### **Other Information**

#### Warrens Village Office

301 Main Street - PO Box 97 Warrens, WI 54666 (608) 378-4177 info@villageofwarrens.com www.villageofwarrens.com www.facebook.com/warrens.wi Office Hours: 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday Closed Friday See their website for more information

#### Emergency Services For police, fire or medical emergencies, Dial 9-1-1

For non-emergencies, contact the Monroe County Sheriff Department at (608) 269-2117. For non-emergency calls for either the Town of Lincoln/Warrens Fire Department or First Responders, call (608) 378-4779.

For minor injuries and illnesses, the Warrens Clinic is located at 101 Unity Road, next to the I-94/Warrens exit. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Same and next day appointments: Phone (608) 377-8792.

Like to read? We have Little Free Libraries located by the Discover Cranberries Museum in downtown Warrens, in the Warrens Village Park picnic shelter and a seasonal mini library at Moseley Roadside Market.