



Minute by Minute



North Carolina Association of County Clerks

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A Message from the President

Dear Clerks/Friends,

I hope all of you have had a good summer! It's hard for me to believe that it is almost fall. School is starting once again and everyone is getting back to business and hitting the books. Clerks have to do the same - we have regionals just around the corner. Check your calendar and be sure to mark the regional you plan to attend. Brenda Hunter and the Program Committee have been working hard on getting the regional program in final form. Be sure to attend one of the regionals so we can all visit and learn from one another. You can attend the regional of your choice. The programs will be the same. Thank you to the host clerks for volunteering:

Sept. 29 Western Regional, Carrie Padgett, McDowell County

Oct. 27 Eastern Regional, Linda Hardison, Martin County

Nov. 3 Piedmont Regional, Laura Morton, Montgomery County

I'm sorry I could not be at the NCACC Conference in Forsyth County. I was in Hawaii Sept. 8-15 vacationing with friends. I had expected this conference to be in August, as it usually is. I will be at the regionals and hope to see all of you there. I will bring cookbooks with me to each regional. Be thinking about new and different people you can gift one to this year. We have boxes of books yet ladies.

Please remember to send newsworthy items to Amanda Jones in Randolph County or to me so that we can share the news with our family of clerks.

If you have any ideas for programs for the Clerk's School in January or the Spring Conference (yes, I said Spring Conference)

please contact Brenda Hunter in Davie County or myself. We always welcome good ideas!

I have prepared a list of committee appointments, and would have included it in this newsletter for your convenience BUT it is not complete. Please think about volunteering so that we can fill the empty slots, otherwise they will be filled with the same folks as always. Thank you to each person who either volunteered or was volunteered to serve. I urge each and every Clerk to take an active role in the Association and continue to provide new ideas and leadership. If you're not sure what your committee's responsibilities are, consult your Clerk's Handbook, the Committee Chair, or contact any of the officers if you need further clarification.

Personally I have had a busy summer. The Lord blessed us with a bountiful garden and we have "put up" hundreds of jars of goodies and lots of fruits and veggies in the freezer. Henderson County got a new County Manager in March and we've all had to "learn" one another. Our younger daughter, Angela, was married in June, what a happy day! Amy Brantley (my Deputy Clerk) took a different county job in July. We advertised and received 40 applications for the position. I know I won't find another Amy but hopefully I'll find someone who comes close. Many of you have stated in the past that everyone needs an Amy; I agree! For now, enjoy the rest of the summer. Contact me if I can be of assistance to anyone. God bless each of you. Libby Corn, President

CLERKS IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to AMY ATKINS, Lincoln County Clerk, who had a baby in February. Laney Grace Atkins was born February 2. She weighed 8 lb. 13 oz. and was 22 inches long. She is doing great and is an excellent baby!!

Sympathies go to AMANDA JONES, Randolph County Deputy Clerk, who lost her grandfather, Rev. Richard H. Kindschi, on June 9.

Get well wishes to Cody Gore, daughter of DEBBY GORE, Brunswick County Clerk. Cody was in a near tragic Jet Ski accident that left her with a plate and six screws in her left arm. She began her senior year at West Brunswick High School in August and the doctors are hoping that this accident will not affect her basketball or softball. Debby wishes to thank all those who called and sent cards.

Congratulations to KATHY MYERS, Caldwell County Clerk, who recently achieved the second level of her MMC Certification process.

Congratulations to SUSIE BONDS who is retiring October 12 after serving for 27 years as Clerk to the Board in Cabarrus County.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

I still have open positions on committees. Please contact me if you wish to serve. If I don't get enough volunteers, I may start volunteering. I hope that won't be necessary. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered. Libby

CLERK'S WEBSITE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners has agreed to host our web site. Our website address will continue to be www.nccountyclerks.org and should be up and running soon. We will be able to submit information for our site through a contact at NCACC. Watch your e-mail or attend the business meeting this month to learn more about how you can submit information to our site.

SUCCESS

What is your definition of success?

Think about this question for a minute before you read on.

Here's what Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882) has to say on the subject:

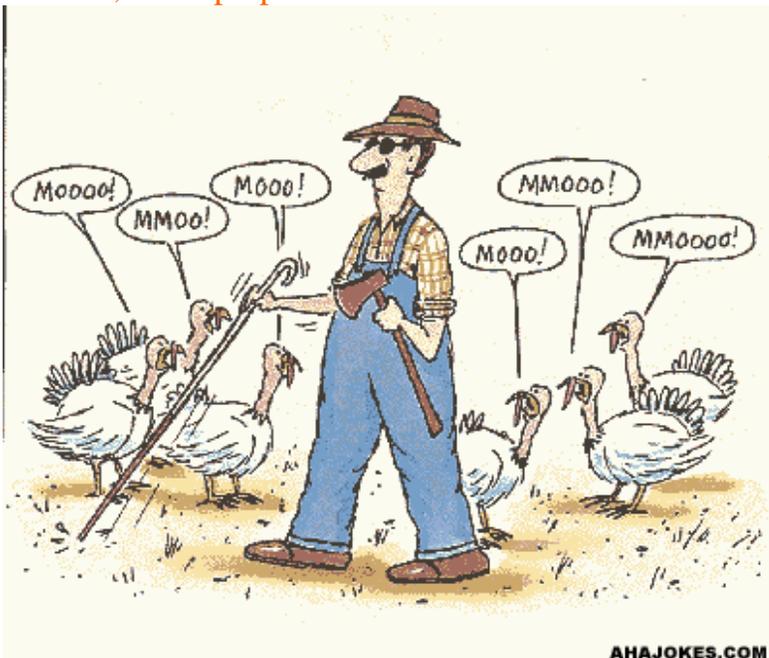
"To laugh often and much; To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure betrayal of false friends; To appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded."

These words were written well over 100 years ago, but they are still words of wisdom.



Halloween Lessons You Can Learn From Horror Movies

17. When it appears that you have killed the monster, never check to see if it's really dead.
16. If your companions suddenly begin to exhibit uncharacteristic behavior such as hissing, fascination for blood, glowing eyes, increasing hairiness, and so on, get away from them as fast as possible.
15. Do not search the basement, especially if the power has just gone out.
14. Beware of strangers bearing tools such as chainsaws, staple guns, hedge trimmers, electric carving knives, combines, lawnmowers, butane torches, soldering irons, band saws, or any device made from deceased companions.
13. If appliances start operating by themselves, move out.
12. Stay away from certain geographical locations, some of which are listed here: Amityville, Elm Street, Transylvania, Nilbog (you're in trouble if you recognize this one), the Bermuda Triangle, or any small town in Maine.
11. If your children speak to you in Latin or any other language which they should not know or if they speak to you using a voice which is other than their own, shoot them immediately. It will save you a lot of grief in the long run. NOTE: It will probably take several hundred rounds to kill them, so be prepared!
10. If you're running from the monster, expect to trip or fall down at least twice, more if you are of the female persuasion. Also note that, despite the fact that you are running and the monster is merely shambling along, it's still moving fast enough to catch up with you.
9. When you have the benefit of numbers, never pair off and go it alone.
8. Do not take anything from the dead.
7. As a general rule, don't solve puzzles that open portals to Hell.
6. Don't fool with recombinant DNA technology unless you're sure you know what you are doing.
5. Never stand in, on, above, below, beside, or anywhere near a grave, tomb, crypt, mausoleum, or other house of the dead.
4. Never read a book of demon summoning aloud, even as a joke.
3. If your car runs out of gas at night, do not go to the nearby deserted-looking house to phone for help.
2. If you're searching for something which caused a noise and find out that it's just the cat, leave the room immediately if you value your life.
1. If you find a town which looks deserted, it's probably for a reason. Take the hint and stay away!



Just a Note...

Please don't forget to send contributions for the newsletter to me. I would really love to see this newsletter be all information that comes from all of you! I would love to include in *Minute by Minute* pictures of you (either clerk or non-clerk related), stories that you would like to share with everyone, recipes, news, jokes or whatever else you would like to see in here!! This newsletter is for you...so be a part of it! Thanks so much!!

~Amanda Jones
Randolph County
Deputy Clerk