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Fun facts to know about August

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It's that busy time of year again. The pool is open, ball programs are in full swing (no pun intended), the grass is growing, the wind is blowing and it all seems to whirl right on by us.

Most of the time I am amazed at how fast time goes. When I was a kid – it seemed like foreverrrrr for the years to go by so that I could be all grown up and on my own..., Oh to have those days back again.

Here are some facts about August:

- **Christopher Columbus** set sail from Palos, Spain on his first voyage across the Atlantic, Aug. 3, 1492.
- **Gertrude Ederle** became the first woman to successfully swim the English Channel, Aug. 6, 1926.
- **An American bomber** dropped the first atomic bomb used in warfare, on Hiroshima, Japan, Aug. 6, 1945.
- **Richard M. Nixon** became

the first U.S. President to ever resign from office on Aug. 9, 1974.

- **Thomas Edison** invented the phonograph, Aug. 12, 1877.
- **Hawaii** became the 50th state, Aug. 21, 1959.

And, there was always summer camp – for those of us lucky enough, or unlucky enough, to get to go. Reminds me of a song – maybe this will make you smile... *(hum along)*

*Hello Mudder - Hello Fadder
Here I am at - Camp Granada*

*And it's very - entertaining
And they say we'll have some
fun if it stops raining*

*I went hiking - with Joe Spivey
He developed - Poison Ivy
You remember - Leonard
Skinner*

*He got ptomaine pois'ning last
night after dinner*

*Take me home, oh Mudder,
Fadder*

*Take me home I hate Granada
Don't leave me, out in the forest*



*Where I might get eaten by a
bear-ear*

*No I don't want - to-oo scare ya
But my best mate - has malaria
You remember - Jeffrey Hardy
They're about to organize a
searching party*

*Take me home, I promise I will
not, make noise
Or mess the house with oth-ther
boys
Oh please don't make me stay
I've been here one whole day*

*Dearest Fadder - Darling
Mudder
How's my precious – little
bruddah
Let me come home – if you miss
me
I would even let Aunt Bertha
hug & kiss me*

Wait a minute – it's stopped

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Guys are swimming – guys are sailing

Playing cricket – gee that's better

Mudder, Fadder kindly disregard this letter

By James Valentine

The following was provided by Marilyn Varner, Deputy Clerk of Seward, from the *Country Sampler* newsletter. It is taken from an essay by Dave Barry on the "19 Things That Took Me Over 50 Years to Learn"

1. Never under any circumstances take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.

2. If you had to identify, in one word, the reason why the human race has not achieved, and never will achieve, its full potential, that word would be "meetings."

3. There is a very fine line between "hobby" and "mental illness."

4. People who want to share their religious views with you almost never want you to share yours with them.

5. And, when God, who created the entire universe with all of its glories decides to deliver a message to humanity, He WILL NOT use as His

messenger, a person on cable TV with a bad hairstyle.

6. You should not confuse your career with your life.

7. No matter what happens, somebody will find a way to take it too seriously

8. When trouble arises and things look bad, there is always one individual who perceives a solution and is willing to take command. Very often, that individual is crazy.

9. Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.

10. Never lick a steak knife.

11. Take out the fortune before you eat the cookie.

12. The most powerful force in the universe is gossip.

13. You will never find anybody who can give you a clear and compelling reason why we observe daylight savings time.

14. You should never say anything to a woman that even remotely suggests that you think she is pregnant unless you can see the actual baby emerging from her at the moment.

15. There comes a time when you should stop expecting other people to make a big deal about your birthday. That time is age 11.

16. The one thing that unites all human beings, regardless of

age, gender, religion, economic status or ethnic background is that deep down inside, we ALL believe we are above average drivers.

17. The main accomplishment of almost all organized protests is to annoy people who are not them.

18. A person who is nice to you, but rude to the waiter, is not a nice person.

19. Your friends love you anyway.

Thought for the day: Never be afraid to try something new. Remember that amateurs built the Ark. Professionals built the Titanic.

How to contact your state Senator

What address do I use to write my state Senator?

To write your state Senator, you need only to include on the envelope:

Senator's name

District number

State Capitol

Lincoln, NE 68509

In addition, most Senators have e-mail available through the Legislature's web site at www.unicam.state.ne.us.

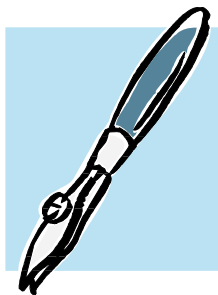


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IIMC honors Jennifer Carlson, Bancroft Clerk

Jennifer Carlson, CMC, Village Clerk of the Village of Bancroft, has been awarded the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC).

Ms. Carlson has been employed with the Village of Bancroft since August 1996, serving as Assistant Village Clerk before appointment to her current position of Village Clerk in October 2000.

She has attended courses and seminars sponsored by the Nebraska Municipal Clerks Association, League of Nebraska Municipalities and has completed other courses, seminars and conferences relating to local government.

Active in professional affiliations, she is a member of the IIMC, Nebraska Municipal Clerks Association and the Three Rivers Clerks Association.

Ms. Carlson has been a member of the IIMC since May 2001. She joins 124 active Municipal Clerks from the State of Nebraska who currently hold the designation of "Certified Municipal Clerk."



Mini grants available for technology planning efforts

The University of Nebraska's Technologies Across Nebraska (TAN) initiative, in partnership with the Nebraska Information Technology Commission, announces the availability of mini grants for technology planning efforts. Nine Nebraska communities or regional groups will receive up to \$2,500 in funding for conducting community surveys or other activities that support the development of community and economic development. The application deadline is Aug. 13, 2004.

Technologies Across Nebraska has worked with 15 communities or regional groups over the past two years to develop technology plans. The impact of the program has been significant. Two communities received grants totaling over \$400,000 to implement their plans. A new business has started in a third

community. Several communities now have broadband services available. Other communities are focusing on the technology needs of small businesses, offering e-commerce and technology training. One community has developed a video conferencing center available to local businesses and residents.

The community or regional technology committees participating in the program will conduct an initial technology assessment using the Community IT Planning and Assessment Workbook developed by the Nebraska Information Technology Commission and Technologies Across Nebraska. Assistance will be provided by members of Technologies Across Nebraska. The workbook provides communities with step-by-step directions,



worksheets, and sample plans.

Mini grant funds of up to \$2,500 are available for each participating community or regional group to conduct supplemental assessment activities such as conducting a community survey or an engineering study.

Community or regional technology committees wishing to participate in the program must return a completed application to Anne Byers, Community Information Technology Manager, Nebraska Information Technology Commission, by Aug. 13, 2004. Applications can be e-mailed to abyers@notes.state.ne.us.

Additional information on the program is available at <http://www.nitc.state.ne.us/toolkit/mg2004>. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Byers by phone (402) 471-3805 or e-mail abyers@notes.state.ne.us.

Share your news

Share your city or village's news with fellow municipal officials from across the state by sending information for the *Nebraska Municipal Review* to the League of

Nebraska Municipalities,
Attn: Lynn Marienau at 1335
L Street, Lincoln, NE 68508,
402-476-2829 by phone,
402-476-7052 by fax, or
lynnm@lonm.org by e-mail.

How to register for newsletter e-mail list

Here is how you sign up to have your name placed on the newsletter e-mail list. Through this list, you will be notified of when the latest *Nebraska Municipal Clerks Newsletter* is available to view online.

1) Go to the League's website at <http://lonm.org>. Click on the Sections and Committees tab that appears on the right hand side of the main page. On the Sections and Committees page, immediately under the heading "Sections and Committees," there is a paragraph, which begins with the words "Attention Municipal Clerks."

2) Click on the underlined phrase "Sign-Up," which will link you to a Newsletters Alert Sign-Up Form. Fill out the requested information and create a username and password of your choosing. Click on the box with the words "Sign-Up" in it. Your name and e-mail address is automatically added to the list. When a new newsletter is available, a notice will be sent to you.

3) Later, if you want to remove your name and e-mail address from this list or change your e-mail address, you follow the above directions, but click on the "Sign-In" link. There you can login with your existing information and make the necessary changes.

4) To access the list of newsletters, you can go to the Sections and Committees page and click on the underlined phrase "click here" in the paragraph above the list of NMCA officers. The list of Clerks Newsletters will be at the bottom of the page filed by date and title.



August Birthdays

Victoria Bunker	Milligan	8/1
Janice Vanek	Prague	8/2
Debra Harms	St. Helena	8/5
Constance Foust	South Sioux City	8/7
Rose M. Hill	Bloomington	8/8
Karen Kleinschmit	Wausa	8/9
Linda Hess	Kenesaw	8/10
Robert Olson	Niobrara	8/10
Judy Schott	Nelson	8/11
Phyllis Davis	Wood Lake	8/11
Laurie Kellen	Chapman	8/12
Lori Streeter	Davey	8/12
Carrie Hansen	North Loup	8/14
Nancy Thormahlen	Burr	8/15
Debbie Murphy	Dannebrog	8/15
Jeanne Stokes	Petersburg	8/15
Jody Kotschwar	Moorefield	8/16
Jami Hall	Republican City	8/16
Kim Schilousky	Cedar Rapids	8/19
Sarah Davenport	Overton	8/21



Patricia Rule	Bennett	8/23
Phyllis Smith	DuBois	8/23
Melpha Hiser	Litchfield	8/23
Deanna Schmit	Cody	8/25
Rachelle Keller	Rulo	8/26
Amy Speckmann	Yutan	8/26
Beverly Kimminau	Trumball	8/27
Sharon Graham	Coleridge	8/30
Cathie Walker	Phillips	8/30
Lola Wentz	Sterling	8/30
Mary Jean Rogers	Pierce	8/31
Victoria Bowman	Trenton	8/31



Municipal Legal Calendar

(All statute citations to Revised Statutes of Nebraska)

SEPTEMBER 2004

CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS

- Within 10 days following meeting or before next meeting (whichever is sooner) Clerk to have minutes available for public inspection. (84-1413)
- Within 15 days of Passage Clerk publishes ordinances passed. (16-405)
- Within 30 days of Council meeting ... Clerk publishes official proceedings of meeting, including claims. (19-1102)
- On or before September 1 City Council determines final allocation of levy authority for its subdivisions. (77-3443)
- On or before September 20 File adopted budget statement with County Clerk and State Auditor's Office. (13-508)
- Each month Clerk files monthly report. (16-317)
- Within 10 days after end of month ... Treasurer files monthly financial report. (16-318)
- Last Day End of Fiscal Year (16-701)
- * * Clerk must prepare agenda prior to next Council meeting. (84-1411)

CITIES OF THE SECOND CLASS

- Within 10 days following meeting or before next meeting (whichever is sooner) Clerk to have minutes available for public inspection. (84-1413)
- Within 15 days of Passage Clerk publishes ordinances passed. (17-613)
- Within 30 days following Council meeting Clerk publishes official proceedings of meeting, including claims.(19-1102)
- On or before September 1 City Council determines final allocation of levy authority for its subdivisions. (77-3443)
- On or before September 20 File adopted budget statement with County Clerk and State Auditor's Office.(13-508)
- Within 10 days after end of month ... Treasurer files monthly financial report. (17-606)
- Last Day End of Fiscal Year (17-701)
- * * Clerk must prepare agenda prior to next Council meeting. (84-1411)

VILLAGES

- Within 10 days following meeting or before next meeting (whichever is sooner) Clerk to have minutes available for public inspection. (84-1413)
- Within 15 days of Passage Clerk publishes ordinances passed. (17-613)
- Within 30 days following Trustees' meeting Clerk publishes official proceedings of meeting, including claims.(19-1102)
- On or before September 1 Village Board determines final allocation of levy authority for its subdivisions. (77-3443)
- On or before September 20 File adopted budget statement with County Clerk and State Auditor's Office. (13-508)
- Within 10 days after end of month ... Treasurer files monthly financial report. (17-606)
- Last Day End of Fiscal Year (17-701)
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