

January 5, 2026

Dear County Clerks, Deputy Clerks, Municipal Clerks, and Council of Government Clerks:

Craven County is deeply honored to host the 2026 NC Association of County Clerks Annual Conference & 50th Anniversary Celebration on March 25 – 27, 2026. The conference will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel New Bern Riverfront, 100 Middle Street, New Bern, NC 28560. As referenced in the association anniversary logo above, this year's theme is **“50 Years Strong – Shaping Tomorrow Together”**. We are very proud of our members, past and present, and their commitment to serving their communities.

The NC Association of County Clerks (NCACC) was officially formed in 1976. To commemorate the last 50 years of this professional organization, we will be hosting a fun 70s theme **50th Anniversary Reception** on the evening of Wednesday, March 25. Join us in celebrating by planning to wear your favorite outfit from the 70s era and enjoy special activities planned with fellowship, music and dancing, and appetizers. We hope you will make plans to join us for this special celebration! More details to come.

The NCACC Professional Development and Conference Planning Committee and the host clerks work diligently every year to provide clerks with informative and educational sessions that will benefit clerks both professionally and personally. A detailed conference packet has been compiled for you, and we hope you find the information helpful as you plan to attend this conference.

Please note these important cutoff dates for hotel reservations and conference registration:

Room Reservations: Saturday, February 28, 2026, is the deadline for reservations in the room block. The hotel is the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel New Bern Riverfront and the nightly rate is \$199/night plus taxes and fees. Room block information and additional lodging options are provided in this packet.

Conference Registration Deadline: Friday, March 6, 2026

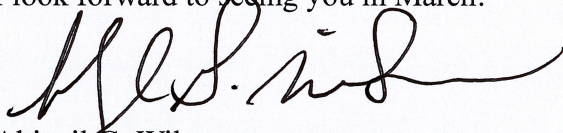
North Carolina clerks embody the essence of public service. To this end, we have two opportunities to give back to those most in need, our children and seniors. First, the Craven County Health Department will be accepting donations of diapers and wipes for children. Secondly, the Craven County Department of Social Services will be accepting monetary

donations to support the Generations Fund, helping seniors. **Please see the flyers included in this packet for more details. Thank you for your support!**

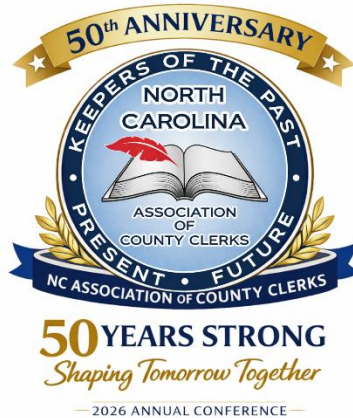
This year we present to you the **50th Anniversary Golden Gala Annual Banquet**, which will take place on Thursday, March 26 at Copper Ridge on the Neuse. Copper Ridge is one of Craven County's most loved wedding and event venues. It offers a mix of industrial, vintage, and historic charm and will be a fun location to install the new members of our Executive Committee and celebrate our Howard Holly Outstanding Clerk of the Year!

Again, we can't be more excited to welcome you to historic Craven County in downtown New Bern. Should you have any questions about the conference, banquet, service projects, or hotel accommodations, please do not hesitate to contact me at (252) 670-8881, or via email at awilson@cravencountync.gov.

I look forward to seeing you in March!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A.G. Wilson', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Abigail G. Wilson
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners
Craven County



NC Association of County Clerks 2026 Annual Conference Lodging

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel New Bern Riverfront

100 Middle Street, New Bern, NC 28560
252-658-9000

You may access the room block through the designated [Clerk Conference Link](#),
or by calling 252-658-9000.

Group Name: **2026 NCACC Spring Annual Conference**

The room block will close on Saturday, February 28th!

Other Lodging Accommodations

Downtown New Bern:

Courtyard by Marriott New Bern
218 E Front St, New Bern, NC 28560
(252) 636-0022 | [Visit Website](#)

**Tryon Riverfront Inn New Bern,
Tapestry Collection by Hilton**
100 Craven St, New Bern, NC 28560
(252) 649-0950 | [Visit Website](#)

The Harvey
221 S. Front Street, New Bern, NC 28560
[Visit Website](#)

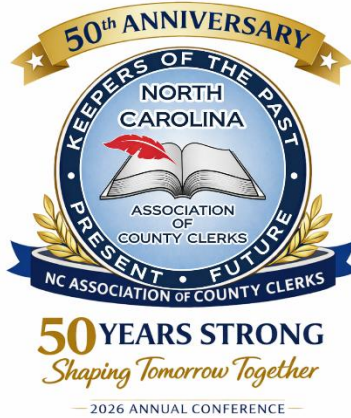
Greater New Bern Area:

Candlewood Suites
3465 MLK Jr. Blvd., New Bern, NC
28562
(252) 638-8166 | [Visit Website](#)

Hampton Inn New Bern
200 Hotel Dr, New Bern, NC 28562
(252) 637-2111 | [Visit Website](#)

Springhill Suites by Marriott
300 Hotel Dr, New Bern, NC 28562
(888) 637-0017 | [Visit Website](#)

There are also AirBNBs in New Bern and the surrounding area: www.airbnb.com.



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Lodging & Directions

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From the East (Atlantic Beach / Morehead City)

1. Take **US-70 West** toward New Bern.
2. Continue on **US-70 W** for about 35 miles.
3. Merge onto **US-17 Business / Martin Luther King Jr Blvd** toward Downtown New Bern.
4. Turn **right** onto **Broad Street**.
5. Turn **left** onto **Middle Street**.
6. The hotel will be on your **right**, along the waterfront.

From the West (Kinston / Goldsboro)

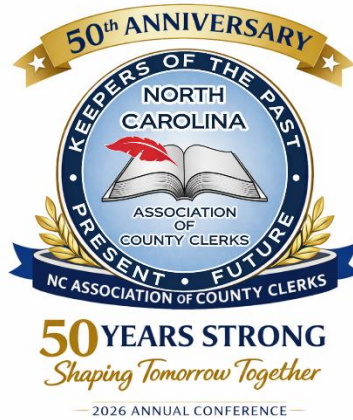
1. Take **US-70 East** toward New Bern.
2. Continue on **US-70 E** for about 35 miles.
3. Merge onto **US-17 Business / Martin Luther King Jr Blvd** toward Downtown New Bern.
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From the North (Greenville / Washington)

1. Take **US-17 South** toward New Bern.
2. Continue on **US-17 S** until you reach **US-17 Business**.
3. Follow signs for **Downtown New Bern**.
4. Turn **right onto Broad Street**.
5. Turn **left onto Middle Street**.
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From the South (Jacksonville / Wilmington)

1. Take **US-17 North** toward New Bern.
2. Continue on **US-17 N** until you reach **US-17 Business**.
3. Follow signs for **Downtown New Bern**.
4. Turn **right onto Broad Street**.
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Directions From DoubleTree Hotel to Banquet

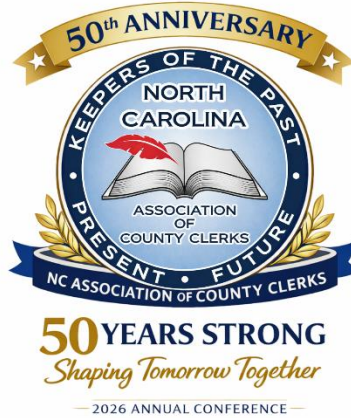
50th Anniversary Golden Gala Annual Banquet (Thursday, March 26)
Copper Ridge on the Neuse
2706 Old Cherry Point Road, New Bern

From: DoubleTree New Bern
100 Middle Street, New Bern

1. Take Bicentennial Park to E Front St
2 min (0.3 mi)
2. Head northeast toward Bicentennial Park
59 ft
3. Turn right onto Bicentennial Park
371 ft
4. Continue onto Craven St
341 ft
5. Turn right onto S Front St
0.1 mi
6. Take US-70 E to Airport Rd in James City
4 min (2.2 mi)
7. Turn right onto E Front St
0.6 mi

8. Slight left to merge onto US-70 E toward Havelock/Morehead City
1.6 mi
9. Drive to Old Cherry Point Rd
3 min (1.1 mi)
10. Turn left onto Airport Rd
0.1 mi
11. Turn right onto Old Cherry Point Rd

Destination: Copper Ridge on the Neuse
2706 Old Cherry Point Rd, New Bern, NC 28560



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While visiting New Bern, Craven County, check out the following highlights by clicking: <https://visitnewbern.com/>.

Important Locations

Conference Location (and lodging)

DoubleTree by Hilton
100 Middle Street, New Bern

50th Anniversary Golden Gala Annual Banquet (Thursday, March 26)

Copper Ridge on the Neuse
2706 Old Cherry Point Road, New Bern
(going east, across the Twin Span Bridge in 'James City' off U.S. Hwy 70)

A few of my personal favorite spots downtown New Bern are (...and why):

The James Drinkery

317b Pollock Street
(cool vibe and great drinks (only))

The PourHouse 222

222 Middle Street
(cool vibe and great drinks (only))

Morgan's Tavern Bar & Grill

235 Craven Street
(shrimp tacos)

The Old Pinnix

628 Hancock Street
(open faced toast is life-changing 🎵)

MJ's Oyster Bar & Grille

216 Middle Street
(fried shrimp)

Pinky's The Pub Upstairs

218 Middle Street
(smash burgers 🎵)

The Flying Fox

411 Broad Street
(Sangria cocktail 🎵)

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Diaper & Wipe Drive



Show Your Love for Babies in Need!



Donate diapers and wipes for local families.



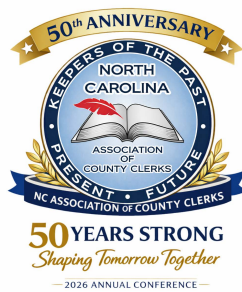
New and unopened items in original packaging only.



Diaper sizes 1-5 and wipes. No pull-ups please.

*Did you
know?*

- Low-income parents often choose between buying diapers for their child or buying food.
- Diapers normally cost over \$100 per month.
- “Safety-net” programs—such as WIC, food stamps (SNAP), and Medicaid—typically do not cover or provide diapers.



CRAVEN COUNTY GENERATIONS FUND FUNDRAISER



Help seniors and adults with disabilities in
Craven County!

Funds help purchase toiletry items,
clothes, food, and medical assistive
devices for those in need.

Donation methods will
be provided later.



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