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*The Kerr County
Courthouse will be closed
Thursday and Friday so
elected officials and
employees can enjoy the
holiday with those closest
to them.*

County Eye Newsletter

Thanksgiving week is a time to reflect on the blessings of the past year and to share time with family and friends. We have had many blessings this year as we were challenged with the passing and retirement of a number of the county family. Most notably was the loss of County Judge Pat Tinley and Pct. 4 Commissioner Bruce Oehler early in the year. We were blessed to have two very dedicated public servants who served this county for many years and we are blessed to have two men, Tom Pollard and Bob Reeves, who have assumed those offices who share that profound dedication to serving the residents of Kerr County in the coming years.

Several other new faces have joined the county's family this year and with the new year approaching two more dedicated servants will take the oath as elected officials. On January 1 new county court at law judge Susan Harris will be sworn in and Rebecca Bolin will take the reins of the Kerr County Clerk's office. Retirements of Pct. 1 Constable David Billeiter and Constable Pct. 2 Joel Ayala led to new faces in those offices. Mitzi French took the oath of office in June as the new JP and Charlie Hicks was sworn in as the new constable in October. Again the outgoing officials served this county with great dedication for many years and their replacements will surely continue their allegiance to the county for the future.

We will be blessed by the end of the year by the completion of the improvements to the Hill Country Youth Event Center. With the new Show Barn in use now for a year and the completion of the new Event Hall slated for December, we can be thankful and proud of the new venue. Mid-January will bring the annual Hill Country Junior District Livestock Show and an opportunity for the entire community to enjoy the livestock show and appreciate the new facilities.

If you missed the Christmas parade and courthouse lighting ceremony on Saturday night, you missed a great family event in Kerr County. An incredible number of folks lined Water and Earl Garrett streets to enjoy the parade. Storms threatened to disrupt the parade but never arrived but it did seem the floats passed by at a slightly faster rate than in years past. Music provided by the Schreiner University chorale program and the ever-cute dancers from the Kerrville School of Dance added even more festive moments to the courthouse event. The lights were turned on...in two phases but once lit makes a beautiful holiday display for the community. And, of course, Santa was there to visit with all the children too.

Take time to visit the courthouse lawn and enjoy the Christmas Tree Forest made up of Christmas trees decorated by local businesses, non-profits and other groups. Stop and vote on the most beautiful tree while you're there also. These folks spend a lot of time and effort decorating the trees and deserve the recognition for their efforts.

Check out the county website...www.co.kerr.tx.us...and look for photos of events around the courthouse this year. The Veterans Day parade pictures are posted there also. If you miss reading a County Eye you can also catch up by going to Newsletters on the county website to see the past stories and pictures.

Thanks to John Trolinger and Matt Comer in the county's Informational Technology Department for their efforts to provide expanded information and other items of interest on the website.

Commissioners' Court agendas and the minutes of the meetings are also available on the website plus information on all the county departments. Job vacancies are also posted on the website. All kinds of other public information is also available on the website including court records, county budget, and numerous of the applications for services offered by the county's different departments. Take a look and see what you can find. Have a great Thanksgiving!