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Jannett Pieper, Kerr County Clerk from 1999 to 2014.

After almost 29 years of service to Kerr County, Jannett Pieper will turn over her office keys to incoming Kerr County Clerk, Rebecca Bolin on January 1st. Bolin defeated Pieper in the March 2014 Republican Primary and was unopposed in the November general election.

"I had a lot of anxiety right after the election about what I was going to do next," Pieper said, "but I believe when God closes one door then he opens another."

Pieper has served as county clerk since January 1999 but has worked for the county since 1985. She began as the part-time clerk for the Justice of the Peace in Precinct 1. In 1986 she moved to a full time position with the newly created Kerr County Road and Bridge Department. After four years with the road and bridge department she was recruited to come to work at the Kerr County Sheriff's Office by then Sheriff Frances Kaiser. She worked first as the jail administrator's secretary and went on to become a certified dispatcher, certified jailer, and served as the secretary in the warrants division at the Sheriff's Office.

In 1993 she was asked to come to work in the Kerr County Clerk's Office by former County Clerk, Pat Dye. She was later promoted to chief deputy under Dye's administration and then ran for County Clerk when Dye retired.

"I've been very fortunate," Pieper said, "I've never had to look for a job."

During her tenure as Kerr County Clerk, Pieper said her biggest achievement has been establishing a records retention program to preserve the historical books and records in the office. All of the old records and books have now been scanned into a permanent record library.

“Also during my time as County Clerk, the office was modernized with computers and related technology and because of the technology I was able to decrease the staff from 15 to 11 clerks,” Pieper said. “We can now do with a computer what we once had to hand-enter into books with pencils.”

Pieper said she had to even hand-write the warrants in cases filed in the County Court at Law back when she began. She has worked with both County Court at Law judges that Kerr County has had, Bill Baskette and Spencer Brown. The County Court at Law was not created until the late 1980s.

“I’ve worked with lots of county judges over these years,” she said, “and each one had their own style and technique of how they wanted stuff done.”

Pieper has taken the option to retire but plans to continue to work part-time after the first of the year. Former Sheriff Frances Kaiser is now serving as the municipal judge for the City of Bandera and Pieper will work part-time in the Bandera Municipal Court.

“I plan to work three days a week and I hope to have more time to travel in our motor home and spend more time with a fishing rod in my hand,” Pieper said.

Pieper is married and has two grown children and one granddaughter. Her husband works in a management position at the Bass Pro store at the Rim Shopping Center in San Antonio. Her future plans also include volunteer work with several organizations she is involved in. She admits she can’t see herself just sitting around doing nothing.

“Leaving this job is bittersweet,” Pieper said, “I’ve been here so long it’s like leaving family.”

We wish everyone a safe and blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

UPCOMING

EVENTS:

The Kerr County Courthouse and satellite offices in Ingram will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to allow elected officials and staff to enjoy the holiday. Likewise the courthouse will close on New Year’s Day. Some offices may have limited staff and hours around those holidays so if you have business at the courthouse, please call and check before you come.