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*The Kerr County  
Courthouse, West Kerr  
County Annex in Ingram  
and associated county  
offices will be closed on  
Thursday, Jan. 1st for New  
Year's Day!*

## County Eye Newsletter

Newly elected county officials plus those re-elected to another term will be sworn on New Year's Day beginning at 10 a.m. in the district courtroom on the second floor of the Kerr County Courthouse. Several to be administered the oath will be sworn for the second time in the past 12 months because they completed the unexpired terms of elected officials who retired or passed away in 2014.

Taking the oath of office will be County Judge Tom Pollard, Commissioners Tom Moser in Pct. 2 and Bob Reeves in Pct. 4. Taking the oath for the first time will be new County Clerk Rebecca Bolin and new County Court at Law Judge Susan Harris. Pct. 1 Justice of the Peace Mitzi French will be re-sworn after completing the term of retired JP David Billeiter. District Clerk Robbin Burlew will be re-sworn after completing the unexpired term of retired District Clerk Linda Uecker and Heather Stebbins will be sworn after completing the unexpired term of former County Attorney Rob Henneke. Also taking the oath as a result of their re-election for another term will be 198<sup>th</sup> District Judge Rex Emerson, County Treasurer Tracy Soldan and Justices of the Peace J. R. Hoyne, Kathy Mitchell and Bill Ragsdale. Joining them will be County Surveyor Lee Voelkel, the longest serving elected official in current county government.

New Year's Day is a time to reflect back and to look forward to the new challenges offered in the new year. As we look back, it's difficult to believe that 15 years ago we were concerned about the Y2K issues and whether computers would shut down at midnight and whether the world would find new unknown disasters as the new century began. As we found out, the new century arrived with little fanfare and no disasters.

The new year holds great promise for Kerr County. Late in 2014 we learned that Mooney is gearing up its production line again and new jobs are being created and filled at the plant at the Kerrville-Kerr County Airport. City and county officials are working together to find funding for a new roof on the plants multiple buildings which will lead to an ever greater increase in production and jobs.

More good news came when James Avery announced they will build a new production facility on Hwy 27 across from the airport. Officials told city and county leaders that the new expansion will create more new good-paying jobs for this community plus bring in additional tax revenue over the coming decades.

Those of us who enjoy eating out will find the new Chick-Fil-A and Burger King restaurants on the drawing board for Kerrville in 2015, plus a number of other improvements announced for the community. Kerrville Drug and Hill Country Medical Equipment will relocate into a renovated building once occupied by the Super S Grocery as part of the Chick-Fil-A construction.

Schreiner University's new multi-use facility soon to be completed will provide a great venue for university athletic and other related events, including their graduation ceremonies, and provide another community venue for

activities. If you've been to a Schreiner graduation ceremony in recent years you understand how important this new venue will be for the university family.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

The upcoming Hill Country Junior District Livestock Show will kick-off on January 16 with the ribbon-cutting and dedication of the new event center.

Completion of the renovations and additions to the Hill Country Youth Event Center in early 2015 will provide new facilities for lots of events to come to Kerrville and Kerr County and continue to provide for events that have been using the facility in the past.

Last week's announcement that Kerr Fest in May will include the Country Peddler Show brings more interest to the facility. Use of the new facilities for a variety of events, trade shows, and a myriad of other activities will fulfill the promise that county leaders made to the community when the renovations began several years ago.