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County Court At Law Coordinator, Kathy Gauden, will retire after nearly 14 years of working for Kerr County.

Kerr County will bid a farewell later this month to longtime County Court at Law Coordinator Kathy Gauden. Gauden will retire after almost 14 years with the county, 11 of those years working as the coordinator for the county court at law judge.

"I have mixed emotions about retiring," Gauden said, "but I'm looking forward to having more time to myself and spending more time with my parents and other family."

Gauden and her sister currently share time helping her parents who live next door to her. She refers to their commitment to her parents as "doing parent patrol." The San Antonio native spent most of her working years in the accounting field before coming to work at the county.

"I spent 17 years in California and 14 years in Nevada before moving back to Texas and to Kerrville about 21 years ago."

She went to work in the Kerr County District Clerk's office under former District Clerk Linda Uecker and then a little over three years later was asked to take the court coordinator's position by then County Court at Law Judge Spencer Brown.

"My first two weeks in the district clerk's office I asked myself several times, 'what have I done?' but as time went on the job got easier."

Gaulden said she really enjoyed researching the legal information for the judges and has learned quite a lot about law over the years. The relationship she has built with her co-workers at the courthouse and local attorneys also has been very rewarding. As a former business owner, Gaulden said she hopes someday to go back into the resale business or some other part time employment but, for now, a slower pace in life and caring for her parents is her goal. She also hopes to spend more time with her three children and five grandchildren, some of whom live in Nevada.

“I’m looking forward to drinking my morning coffee on my bistro set on the front porch,” Gaulden said, “and I am so blessed to have been able to work with a great group of people at the courthouse for so long.”

Later this week Kerr County will also say good bye and good luck to retiring Kerr County Auditor Jeannie Hargis. Hargis retires after 8 years with the county and will move to New Mexico to live closer to her son and family. We wish both of these dedicated employees a long and happy retirement.

Kerr County Sheriff, Rusty Hierholzer, has been busy in recent weeks making presentations around the county about the proposed \$15 million 144-bed addition and other improvements to the Kerr County Jail facility. The current jail opened in 1996 and was completed and at the time it was built the community was told they could expect the jail capacity would be good for about 20 years, so their prediction was right. Overcrowding at the jail has been an off and on problems for several but in recent months has become a greater issue.

Voters will have the opportunity to approve or deny approval of the bond issue beginning with early voting on April 27 and lasting through Friday, May 8. Early voting will be at the Cailloux Center and will include Kerrville City Council elections for those living inside the City of Kerrville. Early voting in both the jail bond and Ingram City Council elections will be at the West Kerr County Courthouse Annex on Texas 27 in Ingram during that same early voting period from 8 am. to 5 p.m.

On Election Day, Saturday May 9, there will be four voting locations in the county, one in each precinct. Voters in Precinct 1 will vote at River Hills Mall. Voters in Precinct 2 will vote at the Hill Country Youth Event Center. Precinct 3 voters will vote at the Cailloux Center and Precinct 4 will vote at the West Kerr County Courthouse Annex in Ingram.

Take time to study the issues in the jail bond election and study the candidates and their platforms in the city elections. Being an educated voter will best determine the future of both communities for the next two years and beyond.