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In these days, when people tend to change jobs due to various circumstances, it's unusual for someone to work for the same employer for 30 years. Yet, two city of Imperial employees celebrated just that last week.

City Clerk/Administrator Jo Leyland's first day as an accounts clerk was Aug. 12, 1980. Leonard Gloy was the administrator at that time.

Leyland, 52, moved up to deputy city clerk/administrator when Tom Spunaugle became administrator in 1986. She then assumed her present title when Spunaugle retired in 1998.

Leyland appreciates the diversity of her job, "different things every day, and people with different questions or problems.

"I love Imperial and like the ability to help where I can and help Imperial move forward," she explained.

Earl Loop's first day with the City of Imperial was Aug. 2, 1980. Prior to that the Imperial native worked for Frenchman Valley Coop in high school.

Loop, 49, has worked in the sanitation, streets, transfer station and recycling departments.

He enjoys working with big equipment the best, such as the maintainer and loaders. He has also had training in managing the transfer station.