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Submitted to Construction News A family that gets the bucks

Kevin Murry, superintendent of *Mesa Equipment*, and his family love to hunt, and in December they racked up the bucks to show for their quality hunting time together. -bd/mp



L-R: **Delbert**, 10 years old, with his brother **Mason**, shot this 8-point buck, weighing 168 lbs. and measuring 121 inches.



Murry's wife, **Dolores**, shot this 8-pointer at Flat Creek Ranch in Catarina, TX.



Murry's 6-year-old son, **Mason**, shot his first buck at Flat Creek Ranch. The 8-point buck weighed 148 pounds and measured 118 inches.

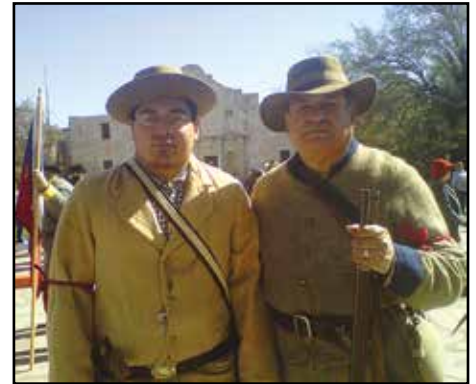


Kevin Murry shot this 6-point axis deer, which measured 27 inches tall and 25 inches wide, at Green Mountain Ranch.

Submitted to Construction News Those who learn from history

As a history aficionado, **Stephen Chavez**, *Jasmine Engineering*, enjoys making history come alive. That's why he prepares to do battle on the weekends as a Civil War re-enactor.

Unlike the soldiers in the American Civil War, Chavez gets to fight for both sides. Some days he dons his Union uniform, representing the 165th New York Zouaves, and other days, he dons his Confederate uniform, representing Company K, 6th Texas Infantry, which was a unit formed in San Antonio in 1861. -mp



L-R: Stephen Chavez and his father, both Civil War re-enactors, in front of the Alamo



In this photo, taken in Hempstead, TX, Chavez portrayed a company lieutenant leading a group of men in Company K.



Chavez sported his Union uniform in this battle re-enactment staged in Boerne.



Marching in the middle of his unit, Chavez portrayed a company lieutenant in this photo taken in Boerne.

New to the neighborhood



The week before Christmas, the AIA Center for Architecture held a soft opening event for the contributors to the new space.

Before the New Year, the American Institute of Architects (AIA) San Antonio Chapter moved to a new Center for Architecture. Formerly located at Pearl Brewery on East Grayson, the new center is at 1344 South Flores St., Suite 102.

"We had an opportunity to renew our lease at Pearl, but we also had an opportunity to have a street-front office in SoFlo, and we were able to negotiate a 10-year lease in our new location," explains **Torrey Stanley Carleton**, the chapter's executive director. "I think it's always been a goal to have a storefront in a vibrant neighborhood. And while Pearl was a vibrant place, we were part of a larger complex, and we'll be more or less a free-standing operation now with adjacencies to the City Development offices, who will be our neighbors, and not far from Development Services. So, we're excited about the new home. It's a great new space for us."

The new location is 3,600sqft, the

center still has the same type of space, just used more efficiently. The gallery will seat up to 90 people, and there is a conference room/boardroom. The new center has the same AV capacity, is wireless, and has off-street free parking.

The suite of four offices will house the administration, including Carleton, **Paula Smart**, and **Laura Smith**, and an additional office in case of growth.

Carleton notes that the new center is warmer, more colorful, and more intimate than space AIA had at Pearl.

"The neatest thing about this space is that just like many of our furnishings are repurposed, the space is also a repurposed space. It was built in the 1920s as a farm implement showroom."

She observes that the large, storefront windows in the dynamic neighborhood give the new center "a great flow." With this being the third office in her nearly 21 years with the AIA, she adds with confidence, "I think people are going to love it." —mp

Holiday cheers and souvenirs

The Associated General Contractors (AGC) San Antonio Chapter held its Holiday Open House Dec. 12 at its Gulfdale office. Guests had the opportunity to get their caricature portraits drawn by Ericatures as a fun keepsake. —mp



L-R: Audrey Schneider and Maryanne Guido



L-R: Charlie Gleinser, CF Jordan; Abby Shaver and Marty Garza, Sundt



L-R: Renee Fruith and Gayle Reynolds



L-R: Wayne Yancy, Dausin Electric; Nick Torres, Easy Drive; Mark Damm, Comfort-Air/Primo Plumbing



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L-R: Michael Dean and Amy King, Dean Design Group; and James Heck, Fisher Heck Architects



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Stephen Chavez
Director of Marketing
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Last year, Stephen Chavez started at Jasmine Engineering as its new director of public relations. Before joining the team, he represented the firm as director of public relations and account services for Proterra Advertising.

Handling all the digital marketing, social media, and public relations initiatives, Chavez enjoys being able to put Jasmine on the digital map, increasing online presence and keeping the website updated. For starters, he set up Jasmine's Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, and Google+ accounts. He also helps the firm locally promote its projects, such as the new and renovated facilities done for Harlandale ISD.

Chavez was born and raised in San Antonio. After graduating from O'Connor High School in Helotes, he received his associate's degree from Northwest Vista and went on to UTSA to earn his bachelor's of arts in communication with a concentration in public relations.

He and his wife Selenia, a front office manager at a doctor's private practice, have an 18-month-old son, Aaron. He tries to spend as much time as possible with his son, knowing he will grow up quickly, and he marvels at how he catches hints of him and his wife in their son's personality, even at this age.

In the Millennial age bracket, Chavez is a tech guy, fond of gadgets and gizmos, always watching for the new cutting edge of technology. Ironi-

cally, he also has a passion for history, specifically military history. He credits his grandfather, a World War II veteran, with instilling that appreciation in him.

A decade ago, Chavez took his love of history to a new – and very active – level.

"I do Civil War re-enacting," he says. "I get all dressed up, and we go to different battlefields and recreate the different battles from the American Civil War and try to live life like the soldiers back then, and we camp out for the weekends. We'll do presentations for school groups or colleges, things like that."

One day, Chavez ran into a former teacher of his from O'Connor, who was a Civil War re-enactor. The teacher invited him to check out an event they were having, and he did.

"They got me to fire a rifle, and of course, I was hooked after that," he remembers. "I joined up and found out a little bit more information about it, liked it and went out to events. I've been doing it for 10 years now."

See photos of Stephen Chavez in action, dressed in full uniforms, at local Civil War re-enactments in our Great Outdoors section. —mp

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