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MEET THE PRESS



SAVANNAH ANDRESON

"I do sports. I play Golf and Bocce Ball. I like to hang with my friends. I like to take care of my Mom. I grew up in Santa Maria. I have cousins that live in Orcutt. I like working at Oak Creek Farm with my friends. I like to open the door for people when they need help."



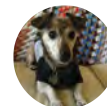
ANTOINETTE ELLIS

"I was born in California. I like to cook and I like to make things. I like to learn new things. I like goats and chickens and cats. My favorite goat is named Hans. I have nice friends. I like to do things with my friends and family. My best friend is funny. My favorite food is pizza."



JACOB DOLAN

"I grew up in Santa Maria. I am very hardworking and I get the job done! I enjoy working with my hands. I am going to work on my old truck, it is a working project that I want to go to school to learn more about. I definitely love to cook. I am also a nice and kind person."



OSCAR MAYER

"I am 11 years old and I was born some where in California. I live with my mama on the Central Coast. I like to eat, sunbathe, go gopher hunting. Chasing things. Car rides, playing at the park and most of all sleeping."



KEVIN DONAGHEY

" I am 55 and 2 month. I have general education requiremets completed. I am pursuing a major in language and arithmetic. My hobbies are horticulture and animal care. I am single. I like to keep busy with my schedule, work is a big benefit in my opinon. I am a Lompoc native. I choose to commute for environmental benefits. I appreciate renewing the arts. I keep entertained."



PJ ARADANAS

"PJ enjoys listening to classic rock music, and collecting brochures from car dealers. PJ is writing a column about the freeways we travel on and what attractions you can visit!"



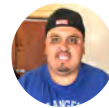
CORY CULMER

"My name is Cory Culmer. I was born here in Santa Maria. I am a red belt in Taekwondo. I like to help my classmates at Taekdondo. I like going different places. My wife and I go together to the movies. I enjoy getting out and meeting new people in our community."



JEANNIE MATTER

"My name is Jeannie. I grew up in Santa Maria. I am hardworking. I recently retired and now have more time to be an Explorer. I am a good friend and I like animals. I have always been The Chronicle's #1 Fan."



STEVE SALUTAN

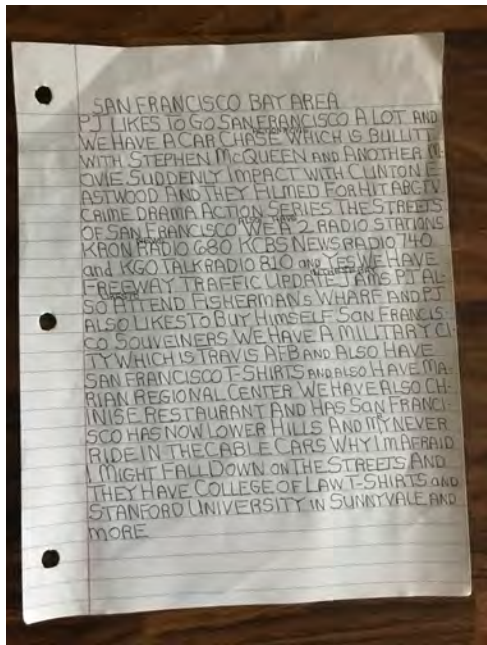
"My name is Steve. One of the things that I like to do is run the sound system at my church. I am a friendly guy with a good attitude. I have family in Guadalupe, Santa Maria, and Lompoc. I enjoy BBQ'ing with my family, occasionally we cook a pig. I love to ride my bike. I ride it anywhere! I really like working on cars. I am a Chevy guy. I have a Camaro that is a Father/Son project with my Dad. I am handy and like to fix things. I like using power tools. My favorite power tool is...all of them!"



ROBERT BOBB

"I play golf. I can hit up to 55 yards on the driving range. I am pretty good at golf. I made four birdies in a row! I am a wrestling fan, I have all the movies at home. I have met Stone Cold Steve Austin. He gave me a t-shirt with his autograph, but I won't wear it at Oak Creek Farm because I don't want it to get dirty. I am a good guy and I like to help people. I do a lot of things with my church. I enjoy volunteering. When I was in ROTC in school, I shook President Reagan's hand and we played golf together. He had his own golf course. I like coming out to Oak Creek Farm, and I keep an eye out for everyone there. I want everyone to read my article and get a kick out of it."

Cruisin' Down the Freeway with PJ



PJ Aradanas
 Columnist



Cars from the movie: *Streets of San Francisco*, starring Karl Malden and Michael Douglas. Green 1968, Ford Mustang



The "Bay Area" wall in my home.



Me in front of the house in San Francisco where the *Fuller House* tv show was filmed.



A souvenir I purchased in the Bay Area.



Car from the movie *Another 48 Hours*, filmed in the Bay Area, starring Edward Murphy and Nicholas Nolte.



A picture that I took while on the Bay Area Freeways.



The Great OUTDOORS *with Jake*

I like to be outside, of course help out with the garden, and pick my vegetables to take home. Recently a squash or zucchini plant started to grow by itself inside my garden box. I think the hotness of the weather caused it to grow. I have picked green onions from my box so far this year. I also planted more to replace them with. Some people planted radishes. I didn't plant radishes because I don't like them myself personally. Like Matt always says, "We are all different." These radishes were big! I would say they were the size of a softball!!!! The compost that we put inside our garden boxes really helps the plants grow bigger.



Jacob Dolan
Santa Maria Explorer
& Columnist





Life On The Farm

by Robert Bobb



"We got a cover out at the garden. It looks nice out there."



"We grow a lot of stuff out there. We have a lot of vegetables in our boxes. I took some lettuce home. I washed it and my son and I ate it."



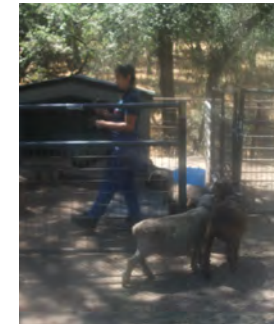
"Jeannie and Kevin are holding the ladder so nobody will fall. They are working on this project to keep animals out. We got a long way to go!"



"Steve doesn't know I took this picture! Matt is brushing Duke. I like Duke, he is a good cow."



"We went on a hike."



"Antoinette is hanging the sheep hay bags in there. I like Antoinette. She is funny and cracks me up! The animals really like her."



Robert Bobb
Santa Maria Explorer
& Photographer



Taekwondo...A Way of Life

with Cory Culmer

I have done martial arts from long ago. I like helping my friends learn how to defend themselves. Taekwondo is a way of life. You can also learn to get your belts as well. You start as a white belt and go through training. We do exercises as well. Now I am testing to be a red/black stripe belt. It takes a lot of different forms and you learn different moves. *Naegong* is my red belt form and *Sparring Techniques 21 and 22* I am working on mastering. It is important to listen to Grand Master Hong. I will go to black belt after red/black stripe belt. It will be really tough, but I will master it.



Cory Culmer
Santa Maria Explorer
& Columnist





I tie dyed two shirts. I chose the colors red and pink for one of my shirts. The other shirt I chose blue, yellow, and green. I twisted them up and used rubber bands to make a design. After I used the colored dye, I rinsed out my shirts with the hose. I had fun with my friends. Matt was funny with his crazy tie dye clothes!



Antoinette Ellis
Santa Maria Explorer
& Columnist



Let's Chisel This Out With Steve

My pinewood derby car is named, "Raider Nation." I decided on that name because I like the Raider's football team. When we started with the derby cars, we started with a block of wood and turned it into a derby car. We used a sander to smooth out the edges of it. We used other pieces to help make it look more like a derby car. We glued those pieces on. After the glue dried, we painted our derby cars. We added the wheels for the final touch. We built the track so we can race our cars. We painted the track to make it look like a derby track. When it came to race day, everyone got a chance to name their cars. My derby car got the most wins!



Steve Salutan
Santa Maria Explorer
& Columnist



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FARM COOKING

with Jeannie

We made BBQ Pork Chop Salad and Beans. We washed and chopped the vegetables. I took out the stems. Steve cut the onions for us. We used our hands to mix everything together. We used the eggs from our chickens. This was my first time adding eggs to my salad. I really liked it! I like Ranch dressing on my salad. I ate so much salad that I didn't have room for beans.



Jeannie Matter
Santa Maria Explorer
& Columnist

BBQ Pork Chop Salad

BBQ Pork Chops

Ingredients:

- 1/2 Cup BBQ Sauce
- 3 Tbs. Honey Mustard
- 2 Tsp. Rosemary
- 4 Boneless Pork Loin Chops about 1 inch thick
- 1/4 Tsp. Salt
- 1/4 Tsp. Pepper

Directions:

Heat up grill. In a small bowl, mix BBQ sauce, honey mustard, and rosemary until well blended. Set aside. Sprinkle both sides of pork chop with salt and pepper. Place pork chops on grill over medium heat. Cook 15 to 20 minutes, turning once or twice, until meat thermometer inserted in center reads 145 degrees, brushing with BBQ sauce mixture during last 5 minutes of cook time.

Green Salad

Ingredients:

- Red Leaf Lettuce, chopped
- Green Leaf Lettuce, chopped
- Red Onion, sliced
- Cucumber, sliced
- Red Bell Pepper, sliced
- Tomato, sliced
- Broccoli, chopped
- Avocado, sliced
- Hard Boiled Eggs, peeled and sliced
- Shredded Cheese

Directions:

Combine all ingredients and top with BBQ pork chops and your favorite dressing.



Just Ask Oscar?

The Dog who can give you advice on your life and will answer your questions!



Q My Mom and Dad are always worried that I am not drinking enough water! How can my Mom and Dad make sure that I am drinking enough water during the hot summer?

-Bella

A Dear Bella,
My mama always leaves a big bowl of water in the kitchen or in the bathroom at night, if I get thirsty. Your mama or daddy should do this too. If I don't have any, I hound my mama to give me some until she does. I just drink and drink until I had enough. Afterwards I go and do what I want. I either go to sleep or sniff around in the kitchen to see if I can find me something good on the floor. I sometimes do, and what I find is good.

Sincerely,

Oscar



Send your questions to "Just Ask Oscar"

TheChronicle@StJosephSLS.com

Q Bones are my favorite treat, but a friend said that they might not be safe for me to eat! Is it safe for my Mom and Dad to give me bones to chew on off of the dinner table?

~Gilbert

A Dear Gilbert,
I never have bones. I just have my cookies or sometimes I get to lick my mama's plate. I just love that. That is always a good treat for me. Your friend is right. When your mama or daddy does give you bones they should only give you beef bones because chicken or pork bones are not good for you. They might hurt you. When your mama or daddy does give you bones at the table they should wait until they are finished eating. I also would have them wait if you lick their plates; if they do. It still would be a treat for you to lick their plates if you don't. It is always a better Idea to have them do that instead of bones.

Always,

Oscar



Oscar Mayer Jose Cuervo Robinson

Columnist



The Inside Scoop with Kevin Donaghey

Interview with: [Andy McFarland](#) from *Farm Supply*



Can you please share with our readers the history of Farm Supply and its involvement in our community?

You betcha! Farm Supply has been taking care of local farmers since 1950. We have changed a lot of the things over the years to meet the changing needs of farmers. A great example of that, farmers used to flood irrigate, now they do drip and micro irrigation to conserve water. This is so critical now with a lack of water here on the Central Coast. You may not know this, but Farm Supply is a co-op made up of ranchers and farmers. We don't have an owner per se. In other words; co-op members, farmers, and ranchers from Ventura to King City are our owners. We have over 2,500 members. The Farm Supply board of directors is made up of farmers and ranchers from each of our 5 locations. Board members make decisions about our company with recommendations from our corporate office. Our new CEO Kara Crye, just took over from former CEO James Braebeck. James was CEO for Farm Supply for 50 years. Kara went to Cal Poly and interned with James for many years. Kara comes from a family owned construction company in San Luis Obispo County. It is important for the CEO to network with big farming organizations, municipalities, and non-profit organizations. Kara along with Farm Supply are very involved in the community. She is a wonderful lady, we all love her!





Does Farm Supply sell Animals?

We sell mostly game birds like chickens, turkeys, guinea hens, quail, pheasants, ducks.



What types of items can be purchased at Farm Supply?

Farm Supply sells farm animal feed, pet food and supplies, and tack gear. We sell agricultural fertilizers, supplies, and chemicals. We also have ranching supplies that including: fencing and watering systems, irrigation supplies, and safety supplies for any or all farm/ranch operations. We have clothing for work, ranch, and farm. We try to stay diversified in our products so we are always selling something. For example, in the rainy season, we are going to sell rain gear; and so on.



How many Farm Supply locations are there and where are they located?

We have five locations that are in Buellton, Santa Maria, Arroyo Grande, San Luis Obispo, and Paso Robles.





What types of animals do you carry feed for?

We carry feed for just about all birds. We have fish food for ponds and lakes. Catfish and trout food, are a good example of fish food we carry. Of course we have feed for horses, cows, pigs, llamas, goats, sheep, and any of your large farm animals. Farm Supply carries feed for some exotic animals as well, like tortoises. We carry all of the hays: straw, alfalfa, forage mix (wheat, barley, and oat), timothy hay, and orchard hay.



If I am a first time animal owner, can Farm Supply help me figure out what supplies I will need for my new animal?

Yes, of course we can! We will guide you with any of your food, husbandry, and grooming needs. Farm Supply also carries vaccines for most animals. We have experts that specialize in different areas of farming and ranching. For example: we have a horse expert, sheep expert, etc. Different employees specialize in different animals, irrigation practices, and so on.





I see that Farm Supply offers Community Veterinary Clinics. Can you please tell me more about that program?

Well that is an outside company that we allow to use our barn here on Saturdays, between 10:00am and 11:30am. They do small animal care. They are not a part of the Farm Supply company, but we allow them to work their program at Farm Supply as a service to our community.



Are rain reservoir type gauges available on the store shelves at Farm Supply?

Yes, we do carry rain gauges. We carry manual tube style and electronic. We also carry regular thermometers and minimum/maximum registry thermometers. These tools help farmers know what the lowest temperature is in the evenings and the highest temperature during the day. Farmers record their temperatures and act according to the needs of their crops.



What other types of goods and equipment does Farm Supply sell?

We sell tanks, hand tools, fence posts, wire, irrigation systems, clothing, safety equipment, pest deterrents, and we sell vegetable starter plants at this location. Some of our other stores have a full service nursery. Each of our stores is slightly different because each location has different clientele. The demographics are different from store to store.



I find weather vanes to be very interesting. What is the purpose of weather vanes? Do you carry weather vanes at Farm Supply?

A weather vane will tell you what direction the wind is blowing. We do carry weather vanes, windmills, and wind gauges.



I see that Farm Supply carries all of the items necessary to build an animal shelter or pen. Can you tell me what is the most peculiar animal that you have ever supplied a shelter for?

Well...I guess it would have to be something like a llama or an alpaca. We have provided shelters for tortoises too!





Andy, how long have you been with Farm Supply?

I have been with Farm Supply for over 22 years. I started on April Fools Day in 1998. So the joke is on them!



What is your role here at Farm Supply?


Sales.



What are the hours and days of operation at Farm Supply?

Farm Supply is open Monday through Saturday. The hours of operation are 7:30am to 6:00pm Monday through Friday. Saturdays we are open from 8:00am to 5:00pm. We are closed on Sundays. Farm Supply is very family oriented. The company has been able to offer Sundays as a day to focus on family, go to church, etc. We, as employees, consider ourselves very lucky to work for a company that stresses family values. That is just what Farm Supply does!





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