

The Bandera PROPHEET

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Book some time at the Bandera Library

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Special to the Prophet

The Bandera Library is excited to have Sandra Velasquez Pokorny as its' December Artist of the Month. She was born and raised in San Antonio. She worked as an instructional designer for the Army and Air Force for many years. She retired in 2017 and moved back home and surrounded herself with family and focused on her art.

She says, "I wanted every woman who viewed my work to see her reflection in the eyes of the women I painted. I come from a line of very strong women, so I painted my family as soldaderas, as cowgirls, as the farm girls and then as the town women we became."

Her beautiful works will be up through Jan. 3 at the library.

You are invited to join a new group of country musicians who gather at the library every Wednesday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. to strum their ukuleles, mandolins and guitars. These are acoustical instruments only. Stop by any Wednesday, except for the upcoming holidays, for a chance to play and practice with fellow lovers of country music.

It was a pleasure to several two new and recently published authors.

Daniel J. Gelo, Dean and Professor Emeritus of UTSA and Christopher J. Wickham also from UTSA have a new book, "Comanches and Germans on the Texas Frontier-An Ethnology of Heinrich Berghaus."

Southwestern Historical Quarterly says, "Gelo's and Wickham's fruitful collaboration confirms the usefulness of multidisciplinary analyses to study primary sources, making this work a mandatory reference for scholars of nineteenth-century Texas, the Comanches, and German migration to the United States. I also recommend this magnificent book

to the cultivated general public interested in Texas history or Native American cultures."

They will appear at the library after the first of the year, providing an evening talk and answer questions from those attending. More details will follow as it is scheduled.

Dennis Blocker II along with his father, Dennis Blocker, Sr., are co-authors of "The Dogs I've Known in 2 Wars, Book One, Iraq." This story follows the father and his two German Shepard War Dogs, Toris and Laky, during their 13 months in Baghdad from October 2005 to November 2006. They both reside in San Antonio and will be in the library on Saturday, Jan. 4. They'll have copies of their books available for purchase and signing.

Several new large print westerns arrived last week for our dedicated western readers. William A. Johnstone and J.A. Johnstone released their annual Christmas tale, "A Jensen Family Christmas." It marks the sixth in the annual series. Ethan J. Wolfe's latest is "Comanche Sunrise." Two Hawks, a once proud Comanche warrior, defeated in battle, is now living a quiet life of desperation on the reservation at Fort Smith. When his wife dies, he leaves the reservation and returns to Llano, the site of his last great battle with the Army. The final new western is called "Contention and other Frontier Stories-A Five Star Anthology." It is edited by Hazel Rumney and features seventeen brand new stories that capture the spirit of the early 1900s in the evolving American frontier. Get on the list for the following New York Times Bestsellers, now available at the Bandera Library. #1- "Twisted Twenty-Six" by Janet Evanovich, #2- "The Guardians" by John Grisham, #3- "Blue Moon" by Lee Child, #5- "Night Fire" by Michael Connelly, #6- "The Dutch House" by Ann Patchett, #7- "Olive, Again" by Elizabeth Strout, #8- "The Institute" by Stephen King, or #10- "The Giver of Stars" by Jojo Moyes.

Discover these and other authors when you come and see the Library holiday decorations. Continue those good reading habits. In fact, you can make it an early New Year's resolution.