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Local author featured at Giddings book festival

Texas Word Wrangler event is held annually in September

Local author **Elizabeth Dettling Moreno** was selected as a featured author for the Sept. 25-26 Texas Word Wrangler Book Festival in Giddings, Texas. The annual festival, which attracts hundreds of attendees, is hosted by the Giddings Public Library.

Moreno was one of only 22 authors selected to participate in this year's event. She submitted her book ***Moments of Serendipity***, which is a work of short devotionals for adults.

Books submitted to the festival undergo a rigorous review process, and festival committee members read and review each book submitted.

"I am elated to be part of the festival," Moreno said. "I had the pleasure of participating in 2022, while I lived jn Warda. I submitted another book in 2024, but it didn't make the cut. I'm very thankful to be given another chance to share my work."

Moments of Serendipity uses ordinary situations as food for thought. Something as simple as winning a game of Yahtzee, or something as scary as a trip through the mountains of Colorado, or as embarrassing as getting stuck in a chair in Warda and needing to be pulled out, Moreno skillfully views each mediation with a heavenly perspective.

Since 2006, the Texas Word Wrangler Book Festival has provided an opportunity for Texas authors to display their work and meet with members of the community. Authors are also invited to visit local schools and give presentations to students.

This is Moreno's second year participating in the festival. She lives in Wharton with her husband, Randy Tolman, and was encouraged to write these devotionals as part of an inspirational column for her local newspaper, ***The Wharton Journal Spectator***. In addition to ***Moments of Serendipity***, Miss Liz has written 3 books for ***Sancho, the Silly Billy Goat***, 2 for ***Tales from the Chicken Yard and Other Fowl Stories, and 1 Psalms of Motherhood and Other Reflections on Life***, she also helped Holocaust survivor Helen Colin write her autobiography.

Moreno is a retired teacher who taught in Bay City for 20 years and 4 in the Boling district. She has 5 children, 16 grandchildren, and 15 great grandchildren.

The book festival features author tables throughout the library. Moreno will be on hand with fellow Texas authors to sell and sign copies of her books. Festival admission and parking are both free.