









# ALLISON NEWS

By Juanita Boydston

Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the

psaltery and harp. Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals. Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord. Psalm 150:1-6

Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely. He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their

wounds. He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names; Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite. The Lord lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground. Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God: Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains. Psalm 147:1 & 2-8

The weather here in Allison on this Tuesday morning is just beautiful, not much wind and really nice out. Going to be a warm day too. A good day in the Texas Panhandle. We had a beautiful Easter Day as well. It was suppose to be snowy and rainy, but it wasn't in Allison. Praise God for that. Didn't mess up any of our Easter plans at all.

Saturday morning, there was an egg hunt at the Allison School. There was lots of children to enjoy it and adults as well. They had a nice egg hunt and then a delicious meal followed with lots of visiting and door prizes were given. They had a great time.

Saturday evening, Kim, Brittany and Chase Thompson of Amarillo, Texas arrived at Louise' house and they traveled to Elk City, Oklahoma where they visited with Pearl Harrison in the Elkwood Assisted Living. Then Kim and family stayed the weekend in the home of Louise Boydston.

A very delicious Easter meal was served in the home Louise Boydston Sunday to: Chuck, Kim, Kimber, Brittany and Chase Thompson of Amarillo, Texas, Gary Boydston of Allison, Texas, Cheryl Dupont and Patrick Smith, Sabrina Dupont and daughter, Makenna of Amarillo, Texas, Bennie and Debbie Boydston of Allison, Texas, Josh and Heather Archer of Allison, Texas, Cody Dupont and Amber Maddox of Allison and Mobeetie, Texas, Opal and Juanita Boydston of Allison, Texas, Vance and Carol Boydston of Allison, Texas and Glenn and Betty Boydston of Allison, Texas.

Sabrina and Makenna enjoyed a delicious meal with her Dad, Henry Dupont at Mel's Diner in Wheeler, Texas, but Sabrina and Makenna later came over and visited in the home of Louise Boydston.

Vance and Carol Boydston visited Glenn and Betty Boydston on Monday afternoon and they enjoyed a delicious pizza and strawberry short cake for dessert. Glenn and Betty were teaching Vance and Carol how to use their new laptop computer and new digital camera. They had a very nice time and lots of good ole visiting.

Monday at lunch time, Vance and Carol Boydston, Gary Boydston and Bethnie Boydston

enjoyed a delicious meal in the home of Louise Boydston.

Saturday, Alice Kelly, Lewis and Elizabeth Meers and daughter, Ginger, Diane Rose and daughters, Kelly and Savannah and Nan McCloy, and Allen's daughter, Kelly West and Allen's grandchildren all gathered in the home of Janice McCloy and her husband and enjoyed an early Easter celebration.

Tuesday, Opal and Juanita Boydston gathered in the home of Curtis and Lillian Boydston and enjoyed a game of Mexican Train. Curtis won this time around. Had a nice time visiting as well.

Wednesday, Curtis and Vance Boydston did a lot of yardwork for their mother, Opal Boydston. Opal said a big THANKS and she sure did appreciate all the hard work. Later in the evening, Opal and Juanita Boydston, Vance and Carol Boydston gathered in the home of Curtis and Lillian Boydston where they enjoyed a wonderful meal and then a game of Mexican Train afterwards. Juanita won this time around.

Vance and Carol Boydston came to the home of Opal and Juanita Boydston where they enjoyed a game of Mexican Train on Thursday.

Vance and Carol accompanied Opal and Juanita to Shamrock, Texas where Opal saw the doctor for a knot on her heel. But it was just a sticker build up and the doctor cut it off and she feels much better now. Then Vance, Carol, Opal and Juanita traveled on to Pampa, Texas and enjoyed some shopping. Vance and Carol had enjoyed a delicious home cooked meal in the home of Opal and Juanita before going to Shamrock. Then they enjoyed eating again with Opal and Juanita and visited into the night. Had a nice day and good ole visit in the night time. Juanita had fixed pork chops, fried potatoes, green beans, and gravy and a cherry pie for dessert.

God Bless and Keep ya'll till next time!

## Thornberry To Host Academic Forums

Congressman Mac Thornberry will host Service Academy Forums in Amarillo and Wichita Falls to provide information to interested students and their parents about attending the United States service academies. The Wichita Falls Forum will take place on Saturday, April 5 and the Amarillo Forum will take place on Saturday, April 19.

Representatives from West Point, the Naval Academy, and the Air Force Academy will give presentations and answer questions. Staff members from Thornberry's office will also be on hand to explain the application process. The Forum is designed for potential nominees in their junior or senior year of high school, but all students, parents, and counselors are invited to attend.

"Graduates of the service academies are essential to the continued strength of our Armed Services. As we fight terror at home and abroad, we must remember that the officers produced by the academies will be the future leaders of our troops. This is one of the reasons I consider nominating young people to our service academies to be a very important part of my job," Thornberry said.

As a member of Congress, Thornberry is allowed to nominate a limited number of students for each service academy. Applications for nomination must be submitted to Thornberry's office by December 1 of a student's senior year. After reviewing Congressional nominations, final selections and offers of acceptance are made by the service academies. Nominees who are accepted by the academies receive a free education. In return, they agree to serve in the military for a minimum of five years after graduation.

The schedule for the Forums is as follows:

- Saturday, April 5, 2008  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
Midwestern State University  
J.S. Bridewell Hall - Rm 108  
Wichita Falls
- Saturday, April 19, 2008  
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Amarillo Public Library—

Southwest Branch  
6801 Southwest 45th Avenue  
Amarillo

The news media are invited to attend. For more information please call Amarillo 806-371-8844 or Wichita Falls 940-692-1700.

## 4,000 U.S. Lives Lost 4000 Families Suffer

Fairfax, VA— Responding to reports that the US military death toll in Iraq has passed 4,000, war veteran and congressional candidate Commander Doug Denny praised their sacrifice an offered condolences for their families.

"This is about more than numbers. This is about American Iraqi families who will never be whole again," said Denny, who commanded the first non-stealth bombing raid of the war on March 21, 2003. Denny asked, "How many more brave Americans will make the ultimate sacrifice before we get our priorities straight and bring our troops home from Iraq?"

Denny added, "In the Gettysburg Address, President Lincoln said, 'from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion.' American military servicemembers do not fight for the particular policies of any administration—they fight with honor, courage and commitment for the values we all share and the country we love."

Pledging to work to bring the war to an end, Denny added, "I have a plan, based on my experience on the battlefield in Iraq, at the highest levels of the Pentagon and work in the Senate, to bring our troops home in a smart, phased withdrawal."

Commander Denny served over twenty-two years as a U.S. Naval Flight Officer. He is a former TOPGUN instructor and earned the Distinguished Flying Cross with a "V" for valor while commanding a fighter squadron during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He went on to work for the Joint Chiefs of Staff as a legislative liaison. After retiring from the Navy, he turned to local leadership in Fairfax County as President of his neighborhood citizens' association and a member of multiple committees and task forces.

About Commander Doug Denny:

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