

Causey, Ramey To Wed May 31

Paul and Susan Causey of Grapevine are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Mackenzie Kate to Michael Thomas Ramey, son of Dan and Mary Ramey of Houston.

Grandparents of the bride are George and Ida Causey of Eagle Lake and Mrs. William Staff of Dallas. Grandparents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ramey of Panhandle.

Mackenzie is a graduate of Baylor University and is the Membership Manager of the Smithsonian's Women's Museum located in Fair Park in Dallas.

Michael will graduate from Baylor in May with a Business degree in Real Estate and Finance.

The wedding will be held May 31, 2008 at the historic Harrison House and Pape Gardens located in Waco.

Pecan Field Day Set For Monday, April 28

Texas AgriLife Extension Service of Fayette and Colorado counties will host a pecan field day on Monday, April 28 at the Kolek Pecan Orchard starting at 10 a.m.

Free Business Tax Seminar

A free business taxpayer seminar co-sponsored by the State Comptroller's Office and the Small Business Development Center at Blinn College is set for April 16 from 6-8 p.m. on the college's Sealy campus.

The Blinn campus is located at 3701 Outlet Center Dr.

Michael Stegint, enforcement officer with the Comptroller's Office, will be the instructor on the various record requirements and taxpayer responsibilities related to the collection of state sales tax.

While participation is free, registration is required. Call 979-830-4137 in Brenham or 979-627-7560 in Sealy, or e-mail carol.doersom@blinn.edu.

The SBDC at Blinn College is a business consulting and training center that is part of the University of Houston Small Business Development Center Network, which serves 32 counties in Southeast Texas. The center provides free one-on-one consulting and low-cost training seminars.

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Contreras Finishes Trooper Academy

Mark Contreras of Eagle Lake graduated from the Texas Department of Public Safety's Training Academy.

"In these times of heightened security concerns, our citizens deserve the best possible protection and this class fits that bill," said Gov. Rick Perry who spoke at the ceremony. "Texans can all sleep soundly knowing that people of

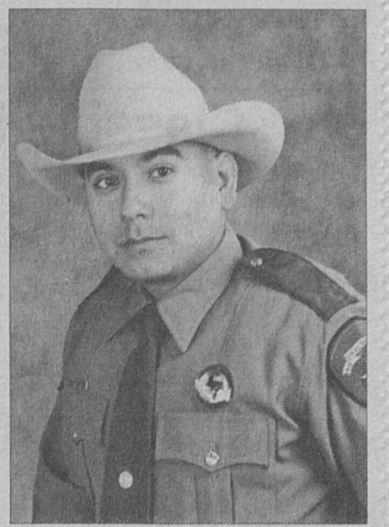
this caliber with training of this quality are maintaining a vigilant watch over our state. I congratulate DPS for assembling such a fine group of new officers."

The troopers began the 28-week training academy in September. Instruction covered more than 100 subjects, including counter-terrorism, traffic and criminal law, arrest and control procedures,

accident reconstruction, first aid and Spanish. They also received extensive use of force, communication skills, firearms, driving, criminal interdiction, cultural diversity and physical fitness training.

"These new troopers receive the best law enforcement training available. They join a proud law enforcement tradition and we welcome them to the DPS family," said DPS Director Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr.

In about three weeks, the troopers will move to their new duty stations. They will spend the first six months in on-the-job training with a senior trooper. Anyone interested in becoming a state trooper can call the toll-free line, 1-866-TXTROOP (898-7667), or visit the DPS Web site, www.txdps.state.tx.us for more



Mark Contreras

information. Trooper Contreras will be assigned to the Texas Highway Patrol in Bay City.

Gadabouts Report On March 20 Meeting

The Nada/Garwood Gadabouts met March 20, 2008, at the Fire Station with President Anita Meismer calling the meeting to order. Members and guest attending were: Helen Noteboom, Ella Buzek, Jeralyn Prihoda, Henrietta Patrick, Leona Wesselski, Jodi Miller, Ruth Hodge, Pauline Solomon, Anita Meismer, Minnie Lee Conner, Edna Shimek, Catherine Berger and Jacob Berger.

Catherine Berger led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Club prayer, after which she read the minutes of the last meeting. Treasurer Helen Noteboom gave the treasurer's report.

The Gardening committee reported they are just starting their gardens, but Anita brought celery and onions from her garden for Show and Tell.

Hospitality: Anita reported sending a get well card to Janice Phillips, a sympathy card to the Janie Labay family, and a birthday card to Minnie Lee Conner. Helen Noteboom read a thank you card from the Hospice Group.

New Business: Anita reported that Rice High School had asked if we were going to give a scholarship again this year. A motion was made and seconded by Minnie Lee and Pauline Solomon to give a \$100.00 scholarship to a senior from our area involved in 4-H and/or FFA. The motion passed.

The Older Texan Fair is scheduled for May 15th at the Sheridan Community Center. We will again have a booth with set up between 9:30 and 10 a.m., as well as registering any entries you may have at this time. Reservations for tickets for the event, including lunch, for \$7.00, have to be made with Helen Noteboom by May 8th. The Nada Catholic Daughters and Christian Mothers will join with the Gadabouts in sponsoring Pauline Solomon and Edward Koronek for "Older Texan".

Someone has suggested that we put some flowers around the monument. Anita talked to Gay Stephens, who has graciously agreed to start and keep up some flower beds with seasonal flowers. Helen and Minnie Lee made a motion that we pay Gay whatever expenses she incurs in this endeavor.

The issue of members bringing door prizes each month was discussed. A motion was made and seconded by Pauline and Edna Shimek to do away with members bringing door prizes and let the Club give a door prize. Motion carried.

TONGUE PIERCING

Tongue piercing has grown immensely over the last several years. This trend, seen mainly in adolescents and young adults, can present considerable dental and medical risks. A recent study showed that 50% of people who had worn a long barbell stem (longer than 1.59 cm) for more than two years had gums that pulled away from the inside of their lower front teeth.

Chipping of the back teeth occurred in nearly half of all people who had worn the piercing for more than four years. Tongue piercing can also interfere with speaking or swallowing, and dental problems created by the piercing will require treatment.

Medical dangers include infection, metal allergy, excessive bleeding during or after the procedure and breathing complications if the ornament is swallowed.

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