

Genealogical society slates meeting for Aug. 11 in Tyler

East Texas Genealogical Society will hold its regular monthly meeting at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11 at the Tyler Public Library in the Taylor Auditorium featuring Lela Evans.

Evans will present a program called "Data Link - Little Known Websites."

Learn how to find, evaluate, and cite websites with real information to help in the search for your ancestors.

Information is added every day that may pertain to your family, but it won't help if you don't know where to find it.

Find out how to locate information that isn't indexed by search engines, and even better, discover how to get some information to come to you.

Lela Evans has been

engaged in genealogical research since her high school days.

She has served as county coordinator for several counties in the USGenWeb since 1998. Currently, she is coordinator for Palo Pinto and Parker Counties in the TXGenWeb Project, as well as co-coordinator for Tallahatchie County MSGenWeb.

In addition she has served as the orphan county director and mentor director for the TXGenWeb Project and presently serves as event coordinator.

Lela is a member of the Dallas Genealogical Society, East Parker County Genealogical Society, Lancaster Genealogical Society, and the Association of Professional

Genealogists.

Currently, Lela is president of the Lancaster Genealogical Society and is genealogy librarian at the Lancaster Library.

About 30 minutes following the conclusion of the regular program and refreshments, the Computer Interest Group of the East Texas Genealogical Society will meet with Janet Cook who will present a program on "Legacy Genealogy Software Program."

ETGS meeting are free and open to the public.

For more information about ETGS, visit the Web site: www.rootsweb.com/~txetgs or contact Scott Fitzgerald, publicity director at scottfitzgerald@tyler.net, 903-597-7865 or 903- 592-6576.

OBITUARIES

Austin Cheek

Austin Hague Cheek had a great passion and pride for fire-fighting and it was this passion that made him respond to a fire on the morning of Friday, Aug. 3, 2007.

Austin lost his life courageously following his passion and will forever be remembered for his courage and bravery.

Funeral services for Austin Hague Cheek were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Green Acres Baptist Church chapel.

Burial followed at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery under direction of Burks Walker Tippit Funeral Directors, Tyler.

Austin was born Sept. 2, 1987, in Tyler.

He was employed with Office Depot and was a firefighter with the Noonday Volunteer Fire Department.

He was a 2006 graduate of



Cheek

Whitehouse High School and a member of Green Acres Baptist Church, South Campus.

He enjoyed open water scuba diving and planned to combine his passion as a firefighter with scuba diving to train as a rescue diver and paramedic.

Above all things, Austin

loved his Lord and was confident of his faith.

He is survived by his fiancée, T.J. Wilbanks of Tyler; mother and step-father, Tracey and Rick Bales of Tyler; father and step-mother, Rick Cheek and Susan Stroman of Crandall and stepbrother Jarrett; grandparents, Jan and Joe Hague of Tyler, Jack Cheek of Bullard; brothers, Adam Cheek of Jonesboro, Ark., Aaron Cheek of Tyler, and Jacob Bales of Tyler; sister and brother-in-law, Angelia and Randy Jackson of Bullard.

Pallbearers were Adam Cheek, Aaron Cheek, Jacob Bales and members of the Noonday Volunteer Fire Department.

Honorary pallbearers were the Noonday Volunteer Fire Department.

Kevin Glenn Williams

Services for Capt. Kevin Glenn Williams, 42, of Flint, were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6, 2007, at Bethel Bible Church with the Rev. Craig Kirkpatrick officiating.

Burial followed in the Roselawn Cemetery in Flint under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Kevin Williams was born on Feb. 8, 1965.

He died on Aug. 3, 2007, in the line of duty while fighting a fire, which was his life's passion.

Kevin graduated from Berkner High School in Richardson in 1983. He served in the United States Air Force Reserves during Desert Storm. Kevin was a Captain for the Noonday Volunteer Fire Department and was employed by Tyler Fire Extinguishers.

He was also a charter member of Bethel Bible Church.

Capt. Williams is survived by his loving family including his daughter, Amanda Williams of Tyler; son, Lance Corporal Schyler M. Williams of 29 Palms, Calif.; parents, Glenn and Dianne Williams of Flint; sister,

Dianna Wilkerson and husband Jarvis of Flint; and brothers, Mark Cole and wife Marsha of Naples, Fla., and Bryan Williams of Dallas.

Kevin will be greatly missed by his family and his extended Fire Department family.

We thank the Lord that he is

home with his Heavenly Father due to his saving faith in Jesus Christ.

Pallbearers were fellow firefighters.

Memorials in honor of Kevin may be made to Southside State Bank, Account Number 5755492.

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Morgan said he and the city crew sat down with the TCEQ and EPA representatives and the group discussed all of its concerns and a plan of action.

"One of the points of contention was the city doesn't have a first line of defense at its sewer plant - a bar screen."

Bar screens are standard and required at sewer plants and are used to protect the plant against entry of large objects that could cause blockage in the system. The screen separates bulk matter - which could be any number of things flushed into the sewer system - that puts a strain on the filtration system.

"It's not a public health hazard," Morgan said. "But it does put undue strain on our system."

Morgan said the city was warned - in writing -- back in 2000-01 that TCEQ required the plant to install a bar screen, but no action was taken.

Once the council learned the screen was not in place - after the city formed its own crew in 2006 - its been working on purchasing a bar screen.

“Overall, I’m pleased to report that the city staff and crew have done a good job of remedying old problems - both in the wastewater and water systems. I commend them and the council on taking a proactive approach.”

-- Larry Morgan
Bullard City Manager

"The council has already authorized the purchase of the screen," Morgan said. "All we are waiting for now is an extension line from Bullard Creek Ranch."

The agencies also told the city there was too much strain on intake in its system.

"The problem there is that we've been processing a huge amount of rainwater in the past two months," Morgan said. "But the agencies don't take extenuating circumstances into account - they have a specific method."

"They measure the amount of intake - not the conditions."

More than 17 inches of rain has fallen in Bullard in less than a month-long period.

"They suggested the lift station near O.L. Ferrell Park

be updated," Morgan said. "Again, council was aware of the situation and our city engineer is already in the design phase for an update."

He said TCEQ requires the city write a letter within two weeks of the inspection addressing concerns and outlining a course of action.

"Overall, I'm pleased to report that the city staff and crew have done a good job of remedying old problems - both in the wastewater and water systems," Morgan said. "I commend them and the council on taking a proactive approach."

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The group was also aided by S. Scott Parel, a pro-bono attorney in Dallas.

As part of their ongoing effort to underwrite operating expenses of the library, the Friends plan to raise \$18,000 in 2007-08.

The membership campaign will kick off on Sept. 1.

Last year they contributed over \$17,000 to the library's budget.

Now that the group has achieved non-profit status, they will hold their first official annual meeting on Sept. 27, 2007, at the First United Methodist Church in Bullard.

The program will begin at 7 p.m. and feature Sheriff J.B. Smith discussing the writing and publication of his crime novel. The public is invited.

The Friends solicit the support of all the community.

Golfers are invited to the Second Annual Golf Tournament to be held Sept. 17 at Eagle's Bluff Country Club.

Entry forms are available at the library or online at the library website.

Padrucco said that new members are always welcome at planning meetings each second Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Bullard.

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