

Community Calendar



Descendants and friends of descendants of Bethania at the Hauser-Williams-Russell 2002 Family Reunion.



Dr. Charlie B. Hauser of Winston-Salem, the oldest descendant, and Jessica Harris of Clinton, Md., the youngest descendant attending the Hauser-Williams-Russell 2002 Family Reunion

Hauser-Williams-Russell clan holds family reunion

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The descendants of the Hauser-Williams-Russell family held their annual reunion July 26-28.

Reunion headquarters was the Sleep Inn in Winston-Salem.

The family started having annual family gatherings more than 80 years ago when Martin began inviting family members and friends to his home to celebrate his mother's birthday. Reunions are held in the Yadkinville-Winston-Salem area every even year and outside the area every odd year. Next year's reunion will be in Las Vegas.

The Friday evening activities were held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Charlie B. Hauser in Winston-Salem. Activities included a social, a dinner, a business meeting, a PowerPoint presentation showing a picture of the head of the family, pictures from previous reunions, and information and scenes showing past achievements of individuals and descendants.

The group took a bus tour Saturday morning through Winston-Salem, Bethania, Boonville and Yadkinville. On Saturday night the Dixie Russell Moore Fellowship Banquet was held in Winston-Salem at the Urban League. Activities at the banquet included a memorial; family news; the giving of scholarships; the election of Sterling Hauser of Cleveland, Ohio, as president-elect; and the recognition of Dr. Charlie B. Hauser as the oldest descendant present and Jessica Harris of Clinton, Md. as the youngest present.

Scholarships were given to Talgin Cannon, a junior at Clemson University; Dayle Pickney, a junior at the University of Maryland; Sierra Hauser-Price, a sophomore at the University of Michigan; Maria and Marlon Hauser, seniors at Eastern Michigan University; Bob Wagoner, a sophomore at A&T State University; and Michelle Rice, a freshman at Grossmont Junior College.

The reunion was concluded Sunday with morning worship at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Yadkinville and a luncheon at the

Western Steer Restaurant.

The Hauser-Williams-Russell family had its beginning in 1861 when Bethania gave birth to her first son, Alexander. She had been purchased for \$850 in Bethania, N.C., around 1840 by T.C. Hauser, a merchant-farmer, and brought to Yadkin County, where she later became Hauser's head housekeeper. She had two additional sons, Martin and Sanford, before leaving the plantation after the end of slavery. It was reported that the Hausers fathered the boys and the boys and Bethania took the Hauser name.

After slavery Bethania married Ned Williams and they added four additional children to the family: Crawley, Taylor, Sally and Louis. After Ned's death, Bethania married David Russell and they added four more children to the family, Commie, Lucy, Henry and Dixie. Bethania was therefore the mother of 11 children: four girls and seven boys.

Many of the descendants of Bethania live in the Yadkinville-Winston-Salem area, but others are scattered throughout the United States and the world. They have been or are now participating in many occupations, some of which are: farmers, business personnel, ministers, engineers, town councilmen, a state legislator, firefighters, a physician, police officers, a dentist, an actress, model, school teachers and administrators, college professors.

Descendants attending this year's reunion came from towns in North Carolina, California, Michigan, Ohio, Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. Four of the descendants were from the family of Rev. and Mrs. D.M. Hauser of Yadkinville. Fannie M. Rice of Northridge, Calif., traveled the farthest to attend the reunion. Steven Floyd of Winston-Salem is the past president; Dr. Jannis Floyd of Mansfield, Pa., is the present president; and Sterling Hauser of Cleveland, Ohio, is the president-elect of the descendants of the Bethania Hauser-Williams-Russell descendants.

Steele graduates from the Medical Careers Institute

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Darla S. Steele has graduated from the Medical Careers Institute of Virginia Beach, Va. She attended the institute's practical nursing school in Norfolk, Va. The graduation was held June 14 at First Baptist Church in Norfolk. She received an L.P.N. (licensed



Darla Steele

practical nurse) degree.

She is the daughter of Dorothy Steele of Winston-Salem and the late Denard Steele. She is also in the Navy Reserve in Virginia.

She has a son, Terrez S. Steele, who is a junior at Norfolk State.

She plans to continue her education in the nursing field.

Literacy project
Do you want to improve your reading skills or learn to read? The Buffalo Creek Literacy Project of Stokes County is seeking adult reading students who would like to work with a volunteer. Tutoring is free and available to any adult in the Stokes County area. Call 969-5808 or 922-9293 for more information.

Search under way
The 1971 Junior Class of Atkins Senior High School is planning an Atkins 1972 "Class That Never Was" Reunion for Aug. 2-4. All classmates are asked to call (336) 767-8894 or (336) 764-8477.

Volunteer assistance
If your group is seeking volunteer assistance for a one-day, nonprofit, community-related event, requests may be made in writing. Include organization's name, address, contact person and phone number, type of event, time, date, expected number attending and type of help needed. Mail to: Sisters of Bivouac Chapter 530, Order of the Eastern Star, P.H.A., Attn.: Program Committee, P.O. Box 4652,

Winston-Salem, NC 27115-4652.

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Miracle on Wheels makes available power (electric) wheelchairs to nonambulatory senior citizens (65 years old and up), usually at no out-of-pocket expense if they qualify. No deposit is required.

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Call 1-800-749-8778 or visit the Web site at www.durablemedical.com for more information on the details of this program.

Hospice
Hospice welcomes volunteers. Opportunities are available to work with this agency in a number of ways, including: as patient-family volunteers, who run errands or stay with patients so care-givers can get away for a few hours; as bereavement volunteers, who offer their support

to families whose loved ones have died; as spiritual care volunteers - clergy or lay people - who visit with patients and their families, providing a special support system; as volunteers at the Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home, who are there on a daily basis, providing a support system for parents and their families as well as Hospice staff; as office volunteers, who help with day-to-day activities; as Carousell group volunteers, who help by working as grief group facilitators as well as assisting with monthly orientations, grief education workshops and day-to-day activities; as Camp Carousell volunteers, who assist with a week-end camp for children and adults who have experienced the deaths of loved ones; and as Hospice Hands volunteers, who help by speaking to area groups, baking special treats, helping with odd jobs and repair work, assisting with bingo, helping with children's support programs, coordinating special events and working with annual programs such as Light Up a Life, the Memorial Tree, Hospice Sabbath and Hospice Hope Run.

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