

# Bethania Hauser Williams Russell family holds reunion

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The descendants and friends of Bethania Hauser Williams Russell held their annual Family Reunion July 17 through July 21 at the Circus Circus Resort in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Attending the Reunion were 40 descendants of the Hauser Williams Russell Family and Friends. They came from Washington, D.C., California, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Maryland.

Dr. Charlie B. Hauser - a World War II Veteran with five battle stars, a retired university professor, a former state legislator, and a human rights activist who is a great-grandson of Bethania, was the oldest descendant at the reunion. Harri F. Breckenberry, a great-grandson of Bethania's youngest daughter, Dixie Russell Moore, was the youngest descendant in atten-

home to celebrate his mothers birthday. The celebration is now held in the Yadkinville/Winston-Salem area one year and at a site outside of the area the next year.

Activities during the Reunion included a social, a banquet and a church service at the Paradise Bible Baptist Church. Other activities included a tour of the Hoover Dam, a Gladys Knight concert and visits to area residents and interesting places in the Las Vegas Area.

Dr. Jannis Floyd, associate professor at Mansfield University, is president of the family. She planned the activities, presided at the events and conducted a business meeting. Sterling Hauser, a policeman from Shaker Heights, OH, was elected the new president of the family, and Sherrie H. Simmons of Atlanta was elected vice president. They will plan and preside at the 2004 and 2005



Descendants and friends of Bethania Hauser Williams Russell.

Hauser, a Southern merchant and planter. Before the end of slavery she had added three sons to the Hauser hold. After slavery she married Lewis

Williams. After Williams' death she married David C. Russell. Four children were added to the family during each marriage.

Bethania's descendants live throughout the United States and abroad. They are engineers, ministers, businessmen and women, artists, musi-

cians, educators, military personnel, firemen, social workers, actresses, human rights activities, a dentist, a physician, and a state legislator.



Descendants of Dixie Russell Moore at Bethania Hauser Williams Russell Family Reunion

dance. The family has had a Reunion annually for more than 80 years. It began when Martin, Bethania's second son, started inviting family members and friend to his

reunions. Bethania, the maternal head of the family, was purchased in 1840 for \$850.00 in Bethania, and brought to Yadkinville. She served as a house servant in the home of T. C.

## Application deadline for City of Winston-Salem University is tomorrow

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Anyone interested in applying for City of Winston-Salem University, a free 10-week course on city government and how it operates, must submit an application by 5 p.m. Aug. 1.

Similar to the Police Department's Citizens' Police Academy, City of Winston-Salem University will give citizens a better understanding of city government. Topics will include city governance and finance, sanitation, utilities operations, streets and transportation, public

safety, recreation, and internal city operations.

Classes will meet on Thursday nights starting Sept. 11 and ending Nov. 13. The course will be limited to 25 residents from Winston-Salem and Forsyth County, who will be selected based on their applications.

Applications are available at the Marketing & Communications Department in City Hall, 101 N. Main St. Suite 336. The application also is available on-line at [www.cityofws.org](http://www.cityofws.org). For more information, call 727-2317.

## N.C. Cooperative Extension gets grant

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The N.C. Cooperative Extension Service, Forsyth County Center, has been awarded a grant of \$15,000 by The Winston-Salem Foundation, Maureen S. Rickards, County Extension Director announced recently.

According to Rickards, the grant will be used to provide fourth-year funding for the Tanglewood Arboretum outreach and restoration project.

"This grant from the Winston-Salem Foundation will allow the Forsyth County Master Gardeners Association under the leadership of Toby Bost, Horticultural Agent, to continue

their project to renovate and expand the Arboretum at Tanglewood Park," Richards said.

This volunteer group has accomplished much in three short years to greatly improve the Arboretum.

The Winston-Salem Foundation is a community foundation that support charitable programs in the greater Forsyth County area. It was founded in 1919 by Colonel Francis Fries with a \$2,000 gift and now administers over 870 funds with total custodial assets of nearly \$180 million. In 2002 the Foundation awarded grants totaling \$18.2 million, including a broad diversity of discretionary grants totaling \$3.5 million.



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