

# SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

## Reflection of our Angel



**Curtrice LaShanee' Richardson**  
**Doctor of Dental Surgery**  
**November 23, 1973 - March 15, 2000**

Nine years have come and gone but your Love and memory expands the limits of time. Our life, heart, and thoughts are enraptured by you.

We wept upon your departure and because the comforter came into our nights and whispered peace to our soul there is joy.

We can remember the delight of your presence in our lives and smile. Thank God for the memories and joy.

That gentle smile reflects a caring individual, who gave of your time, love, and talent to help others. From the little old lady at the bus stop, those needing dental care, to the two vagrants you met the night before you took your last trip to your earthly home.

Little did we know that you would not return to school for graduation; for a greater degree awaited you. We can thank God for your years of preparation and knowing that your absence from the body is your presence with the Lord.

Forever in our Hearts, Love  
 Mom & Dad, Curtis & Ivy Richardson  
 Sisters Ivanette Richardson and  
 Curtrina Swain (Detrich)  
 Your niece - Trinity Swain  
 Nephews Curtis RJ Richardson and  
 D'Mitri Swain.

## Eleven Black Men of Liberty County to hold Scholarship Banquet



**Daniel K. Wims, Ph.D.**

The Eleven Black Men of Liberty County, Inc. will hold its "Fifteenth Annual Scholarship Banquet" at Club Stewart, Fort Stewart, Georgia, on March 28, 2009. There will be a reception from 6:15 to 6:45 PM, followed by the banquet dinner at 7:00 PM.

Daniel K. Wims, Ph.D., the Executive Vice-President, Vice-President for Academic Affairs, and Professor of Agricultural Sciences at the Fort Valley State University in Fort Valley, GA is this year's banquet speaker.

The Georgia native's professional career has been

dedicated to providing educational opportunities to non-traditional and minority students.

Additionally, he has acquired expertise in youth, rural and community development, conflict resolution, leadership development, social and educational research, budgeting, program planning and development, and program review and evaluation.

In graduate school at Ohio State University and the University of Maryland, College Park, Dr. Wims had other aspirations, but his career unexpectedly steered him to academics.

Tickets are \$35 each and may be purchased by contacting Dr. Robert Simmons, 912-368-3333, Robert Blue, 912-368-7675, or any of the Eleven Black Men of Liberty County directors.

For more information about the banquet or the Eleven Black Men of Liberty County scholarship, call Andrew Williams, 912-977-3293.

## March Marks Start of Active Tornado 'Season'

Georgia has already experienced its first deadly tornadoes this year, claiming a life and causing harm and damage in 15 counties across the state.

March marks the start of a three-month active tornado season in the Southeast, making now the time for Georgians to get ready by preparing, planning and staying informed with Ready Georgia, the state's emergency preparedness campaign.

"Tornadoes have terrorized both rural and urban areas in Georgia's recent history, making anyone vulnerable to their hazards," said Charley English, director of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency. "Just last March, an EF-2 tornado tore a six-mile path through the heart of downtown Atlanta.

The next day, twisters

ripped through Polk, Floyd, Jefferson, Burke, Butts and Bartow counties. Three people died as a result of these storms, and seven counties received a federal disaster declaration. These tragedies and others clearly demonstrate why every Georgian needs to be prepared."

Tornadoes have proven to be some of nature's most violent storms that can generate wind speeds of more than 250 mph and can appear out of nowhere with little warning. Being prepared to act quickly by having a plan in place and practicing how and where to take shelter is crucial to mitigating the effects of a tornado.

Visit [www.ready.ga.gov](http://www.ready.ga.gov) for more Georgia-specific tornado preparedness information and to create a customized Ready kit checklist and communications plan for your family or business.

## Backus to Host Teddy Bear Hospital

The George and Marie Backus Children's Hospital at Memorial University Medical Center (MUMC) will host a Teddy Bear Hospital on Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hoskins Center on the MUMC campus (Ranger Road at 66th Street).

This event is sponsored by a generous grant from the Wal-Mart Foundation.

Children age 10 and under are encouraged to bring their favorite teddy bear, stuffed animal, or doll through the mock hospital to learn some of the ways that hospitals help children feel better.

This fun environment allows doctors, nurses, and technicians to perform various procedures on the toys,

including X-rays, lab tests, and surgery. At the same time, children get a better understanding of how hospitals work and learn about wellness and injury prevention.

Participants can meet representatives from Backus Children's Hospital, SafeKids of Savannah, Coastal Therapy Dogs, Chatham County Sheriff's K-9 Unit, Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department, Savannah Fire and Emergency Services, LittleOne child care, Children's Miracle Network, Wellcare, Savannah Community Blood Bank, Reach Out & Read, and more.

For more info, visit [memorialhealth.com](http://memorialhealth.com).

## Cloverdale Celebrates 50 Years!

Our community invites our neighbors, former neighbors and the public to share this milestone.

The Reunion Banquet will be held on Friday, April 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at The Temple of Glory Eden Room at 1105 Stiles Avenue.

Donation for this event is \$35.00.

The speaker will be Mrs. Iris Formey Dawson.

The Cloverdale Community will also host our Reunion Picnic on July 18, 2009 at Butler Elementary School at 12:00 noon. Hope to see you at both events!

Please note we do not plan to sell tickets at the door.

Please come to our 3rd Thursday meetings

at Butler Elementary School for banquet tickets.

For more information, contact Curtis V. Cooper, Jr., President at 234-8734, or Maureen Walker, Chairperson at 655-1068.

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