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Night of Remembrance planned

Rainsville will commemorate 2nd anniversary of April 27 tornado

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The community is invited to a ceremony to remember the lives lost in an EF-5 tornado April 27, 2011.

The event will be on the two-year anniversary at 6:30 p.m. at the tornado monument at the DeKalb County Schools

Coliseum. The gathering is sponsored by the Rainsville Beautification and Memorial Committee.

Member Tammy Gregory said the ceremony will be brief and will include a welcome from Mayor Nick Jones, words from State Emergency Management Agency Director Art Faulkner and

DeKalb EMA Director Anthony Clifton and a closing prayer by Pastor Brian Harris with Mountain View Baptist Church.

"Our plan is that every year, we'll have the remembrance ceremony and will rotate mayors and pastors to include all areas that were affected by the tornado," Gregory

said. "We are encouraging everyone to come out and be a part of it."

"The monument is such a nice thing. When you go over there, it's got that feeling; you just want to sit and enjoy it. It's a good sitting area to rest and reflect."

The monument was unveiled in a ceremony on April 28, 2012.



Rainsville will hold a Night of Remembrance on the second anniversary of the April 27, 2011, tornadoes.

THIRD SATURDAY



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Classic, restored automobiles, like this 1934 Ford five-window coupe, will be on display from 5 to 9 p.m. during downtown Fort Payne's Third Saturday.

Counting cars

Classic autos will line Gault Avenue Saturday

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Organizers are hopeful that nice weather will bring a big crowd to Third Satur-

day this weekend. Showers are expected to move into the area Friday, but the weather will clear up overnight. The forecast Saturday calls for a clear

sky with highs in the mid-60s.

Third Saturday will feature a classic car show, live music and food. Downtown merchants

will stay open late and offer in-store discounts.

"We're expecting a big crowd," said Amelia

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Job suits Thomas

Sylvania native takes reins as DeKalb assistant superintendent

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Brian Thomas has a lot on his plate these days.

The former math teacher at Ruhama Junior High School was named DeKalb County Schools assistant superintendent in January and has since taken on a host of duties to assist Superintendent Hugh Taylor.

"The first month was hard because this is a big job. And not having someone here just to say, 'This is what you need to do,'" Thomas said. "And, when you're goal-driven, that can bother you. I didn't know exactly what to do next."

"So that first month, I had blood pressure going up, headaches, I wasn't sleeping because I couldn't stop thinking about the job. I

thought, 'Wow, this is something I wasn't expecting.'

"But then as the next month came, then the next, I began to know more, understand more. I guess that's true of any job. And now, every day I like it more and more."

Thomas, a "home-grown boy from Sylvania," graduated from Athens State with a degree in elementary education, with a focus on mathematics, after first pursuing premed at UAB. He later earned a master's degree in administration from Alabama.

He is currently in charge of curriculum, library media, technology, at-risk students, certification, personnel and state policies. He also conducts

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Drug Take-Back Day slated for April 27



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The Fort Payne Police Department will collect unused prescription drugs April 27.

By **Lindsay Slater**
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If you have unwanted, unused or expired prescription drugs in the medicine cabinet, there is an opportunity to get rid of them April 27.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., residents can drop them off in the

south parking lot of the Fort Payne Police Department as part of the fourth annual Prescription Drug Take-Back Day.

"This will give the public the opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous ex-

pired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs," police Chief Randy Bynum said. "Many people do not know how to properly dispose of unused prescription drugs. By turning them in at Take Back Drug Day,

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Brian Thomas, a former math teacher at Ruhama Junior High School, was hired as an assistant superintendent in January.



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