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As many of you already know, the county wide burn ban was lifted last week. I want to ask you all to please remember to use caution and good common sense when you do burn. Remember to always obtain a permit when required. This helps authorities by giving them information on where burning is occurring so as to avoid false alarms but also to be alert in that particular area of the county. Call your local Georgia Forestry Commission office if you ever have any outdoor burning questions.

We do not expect the dry conditions to require any cancellations of public fireworks displays over the 4th of July holiday, but I do ask everyone to use extreme caution at your own homes. Only use State of Georgia allowed fireworks and use them safely. Don't let irresponsible behavior cause you loss of health or property.

Congratulations to the volunteers who put on a fun a fun and successful Relay for Life two weeks ago. A lot of hard work went into putting that event together and I commend all of the volunteers and organizers for it.

Congratulations also to the Blue Ridge Kiwanis for a successful county fair this last week. It was great to have the fair back in town and I know that many families enjoyed the opportunity to go out locally for an evening of fun. I know my family certainly did.

The interviewing process for our new full time electrical inspector is almost completed. I hope to have that position filled by the first of July.

On another personnel note, we are very glad to have John Drullinger, our Animal Control facilities manager, back at work. He had to spend some time out of work and in the hospital due to a lingering illness and all of us in county government are glad to have him up and with us again.

Time is running out for you to make comments to the Tennessee Valley Authority regarding their proposed land use and management policy. They are currently working on a ten-year plan and need to hear from you now. You can find a comment survey online at www.tva.com/environment/reports/mtnres/questionnaire.htm or you can pick up a hard copy at the Commissioner's Office in the Courthouse or at the Fannin County Chamber of Commerce. These comments must be submitted by this Saturday, June 30th.

I hope all of you have a wonderful and safe Independence Day holiday. Be sure to take time to give thanks for what the holiday means and how fortunate we are to live in such a free and prosperous country. Go out and enjoy local events and festivities, but remember to spend some time with your family and enjoy each other.

God Bless you all and please remember that you can visit www.fannincountyga.org anytime for additional county government information, forms and important phone numbers.

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