

Chairman Bruce's Newsletter

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This past Monday I had the opportunity to play in the annual Fannin County Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament. This was the first year I had been able to participate and I have to pass along how well I thought the event was handled. There were more golfers than ever at this year's tournament and yet the whole day went without a hitch. I want to congratulate the Chamber, especially Greg Norton, Reid Dyer, Richard York and all the others who were on the planning committee for the tournament. It was well run and a pleasure to be a part of. I hope that the Chamber was able to raise a nice amount to assist them in the many good efforts and programs they have. The golf tournament was handled with the same professionalism that we have all come to expect from our high quality Chamber of Commerce.

This should come as no surprise for those who are familiar with the Chamber board and staff. Everything they do is top notch. In fact, I would like to proudly congratulate Jan Hackett, the Chamber Director, and the Fannin County Chamber of Commerce for winning the Governor's Best in Show Tourism Award at the Governor's Conference on Tourism. The Chamber was recognized for the creation and implementation of their "Surround Yourself" campaign and especially for their use of technology in marketing the Blue Ridge area. This award recognizes their hard work in promoting our community and the economic impact this promotion has on our cities and county.

We are fortunate to have such dedicated and professional people who work with our Chamber. This high quality effort can be seen in the over 700 Chamber members. This number is far higher than the typical number of chamber members for a community our size. For those businesses out there who are not affiliated with our Chamber, take time to talk with Jan or other members and see what membership in the Fannin County Chamber of Commerce can do for and offer you.

This Saturday, October 13th, at 7:00, our Recreation Department will be hosting the first of what I hope will become a regular event next Spring. We will be showing our first "Film on the Field" which will be shown at the Fannin County Park soccer field. Bring your family and your blankets or lawn chairs and enjoy "Happy Feet" on a 30 foot by 30 foot screen. My desire is to host these events to encourage even greater community spirit and pride. The movie is free of charge. I hope to see you there.

My quick congratulations too to the Fannin County High School football team for their excellent start this year. They have only one loss overall and no losses in their region. I expect to be making travel plans to attend playoff and state tournament games this time next month. Continued good luck to Coach Drennen and the rest of the team.

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