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Q. Does answering the phone while driving cause a distraction?

A. Again, it certainly does. We sometimes go crazy trying to get our phone out of a pocket book or out of our pocket when it rings, whether we are driving or not. What is so pressing about a single phone call? Can we not wait until we get home or at least until we are out on the open highway away from most of the traffic?

Note: Most of us have probably cheated at one time and either text while driving or look up phone numbers, which is just about as dangerous. As

our county grows, so grows our traffic and we have to change the way we think while driving. The life you save may be your own or your family members. There is not much more devastating than suddenly losing a loved one from a traffic accident. Everyone, please concentrate more on driving and less on talking on your phone. Let's start back listening to the radio and save the vast majority of phone conversations until you get home, to your office, or parked. Your life will go on without a hitch even if you delay a phone call every now and then. Thanks.

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recommended or needed to obtain a new prescription before the due date? Do you use more than one drug at a time? Can you get through the week without using drugs? Are you always able to stop using drugs when you want to? Have you had "black-outs" or "flashbacks" as a result of drug use? Do you ever feel bad or guilty about your drug use? Does your spouse (or parents) ever complain about your involvement with drugs? Has drug use created problems between you, your friends, your spouse or your parents? Have you lost a job or been in trouble at work because of drug use? Have you gotten into fights when under the influence of drugs? Have you engaged in illegal activi-

ties in order to obtain drugs? Have you been arrested for possession of illegal drugs? Have you ever experienced withdrawal symptoms (felt sick) when you stopped taking drugs? Have you had medical problems as a result of your drug use (e.g. memory loss, depression, hepatitis, convulsions, bleeding, etc.)?

The results of this self-test are not intended to constitute a diagnosis of drug addiction and should be used solely as a guide to understanding your drug use and the potential health issues involved with it. If you recognize several these problems in yourself or a loved one, please see a health or substance abuse professional for a full evaluation. 5/3/17/JCA

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parts and offering other useful services. Many machine manufacturers are out of business but they manufacture parts to fit their machines as well as other machines new and old. CRI is one of the largest employers in the County, the tremendous workforce staffs the 3 companies under the Corrugated Replacements umbrella-North Georgia Heat Treat, CRI Machining and Corrugated Rebuild. They are continuing to grow and expand and the demand for the products continues to increase.

Corrugated Replacements is a family owned and operated business and long-time Chamber member since 1998. A testament to the quality and character of the company, when the company moved to Blairsville from Riverdale, GA, a lot of the employees moved with the company and a lot of them are still part of the CRI family. The production side of the business operates 24 hours a day but never on Sundays so the staff can spend that day with their families. Each year they have a company picnic which is open to the public where they can showcase their facilities and enjoy spending time with each other's families.

Corrugated Replacements has been active in the community sponsoring multiple events over the years including: the Scottish Festival, PTO Events, Rotary Club Events and they are a platinum sponsor for Relay For Life. They support community groups such as 4H, the Union County Quarterback Club, the Anti-Drug Coalition and many more. CRI also works with the school system to employ students through the work based learning program. The students working for them are getting hands on experience and earning a paycheck at the same time. Upon graduation, if the student is going to college or tech school for a degree or a certification that will help them with their employment at CRI, the company will provide a full scholarship to the student. Scholarships are given to each graduating student that works for the company. Scholarships are also provided to the Mountain Education Center. They also offer internships for college students.

Jenny Chandler accepted the award for Corrugated Replacements and shared how honored she was to accept this on behalf of the company. She shared that they are a business that is more of a behind the scenes partner in the community and they are truly humbled to be recognized for all that they do. She also shared her appreciation for the dedication and hard work of their team with a good number of the em-

ployees and their families in attendance. For more information about Corrugated Replacements and all our Chamber Members, go to our website at VisitBlairsvilleGA.com.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to remind Chamber Members to join us Thurs-

day May 11th from 8 a.m.-9:30 a.m. at the Union County Community Center. The Chamber will be hosting a taped simulcast about implementing great customer service in your business from the professionals at Chick-fil-A.

This is a free event for Chamber Members!

Some of the topics in-

clude: Why is Hospitality important? What does Hospitality look like? How to implement Hospitality?

Breakfast will be sponsored by, none other than: Chick-fil-A.

Registration is required and space is limited. So be sure to go to VisitBlairsvilleGA.com and sign up today!

**UNION COUNTY
FIRE DEPARTMENT
INVITES YOU TO OUR
OPEN HOUSE**




STATION 2	STATION 4
MAY 6th	MAY 20th
11AM - 2PM	11AM - 2PM
JONES CREEK	IVY LOG
FOOD · DOOR PRIZES FIRE SIMULATOR DEMONSTRATIONS · FUN FOR KIDS!	

**UNION COUNTY
COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Garden Tours	Every Monday: GMREC (May-Oct)	9 am - 1 pm
Children's Story Time	Union County Library	11 am
Kiwanis Club	Steve's Steakhouse	Noon
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6:30 pm
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 pm
	Every Tuesday:	
Tri State Bus. Women	Blairsville Restaurant	8 am
MMQG Tues. Strippers	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	9:30-2:30 pm
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 pm
	Every Wednesday:	
BINGO	Civic Center	7 pm
	Every Thursday:	
Butternut Ladies Golf	Golf Course (Apr-Oct)	8:30 am
Masonic Luncheon	Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Rotary Club	So. Bank & Trust	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
	Second Monday of each month:	
MMQG Sewcials	Mtn. Presbyterian Ch	10 am-3 pm
Enotah Chapter #24	Masonic Lodge	7:30 pm
Disabled Am Veterans	Veterans Center	7 pm (Jan-Oct)
	Second Tuesday of each month:	
FPL Retirees	Hole in Wall Rest.	9 am
Historical Society Bd.	Old Courthouse	9:30 am
Mtn Laurel Arts/Crafts	Union County Library	10 am
Active/Retired Fed Emp.	Grinds & Glazes	Noon
Mtn. Sounds Dulcimer	Sr. Citizens Center	1:30-3:30 pm
Mountain Coin Club	N. GA Tech	6 pm
Blairsville PTO	UC Primary School	6 pm
Blue Ridge Mtn Jeepers	Steve's Steakhouse	6:00 pm
Beta Sigma Phi	Kappa Alpha Chapter	7 pm
Eastern Star #304	Location not listed	7:30 pm
Band Boosters	UC Middle School	7:30 pm
	(Aug through May, except Dec)	
	Second Thursday of each month:	
Lions Club	Steve's Cookie Jar	6 pm
Appalachian Shrine Club	Shrine Building	6:30 pm
Democratic Party	Unity Church of B'ville	6:30 pm
Trout Unlimited	UC Community Cntr - A	6:30 pm
Sons Confederate Vet.	UCB Community Rm	7 pm
Knights of Columbus	Marian Hall	7:30 pm
	Second Friday of each month:	
Eastern Star #471	Location not listed	7:30 pm
	Second Saturday of each month:	
His Victory Riders	Blairsville Restaurant	8 am
	Second Sunday of each month:	
PFLAG	Call 706-389-5269 for Info	

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fession reminds us to be wary of the desires of the flesh that are contrary to our identity as Jesus-followers.

Deliverance from evil is as great a need today as ever. The devil "prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" (1 Pet. 5:8), and we see that on the news each day.

Enrich your prayer life by using all the forms of prayer in Jesus' model prayer. Join other believers in our community to pray on the National Day of Prayer. The service in Blairsville is Thursday, May 4, 6:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church.

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port sightings to cicadomania.com. If you find a cicada and are not sure if it is a Dog Day cicada or a seventeen year, bring it by your local extension office for identification. The UGA Entomology Department also encourages you to send quality photos of periodical cicadas around your home to your extension office so we can document this fantastic North Georgia experience!

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and even drones. Union County Fire Department is committed to maintaining good traditions and embracing the newest technology to better serve the community. Union County Fire Department ~Our Family Protecting Your Family~

**Sea-Bee Island
X-3 Georgia**

The Sea-Bee Island X-3 Georgia meets the second Friday of each month, 1 p.m., at the Veterans Center in Blairsville. For more information please call Mike Ruback at 954-249-2707.