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marked as #1 and #2. We can only take items with a screw top lid, and you need to remove the lid. Items like salad and fruit containers have a different molecular structure even though they are labeled as #1 and #2. They are molded differently than an item with a screw top lid, so this causes them to melt at a different rate even though they have the same recycling number.

Q. Will there be signage at the Recycling Centers to help us know how to separate our plastics?

A. Yes, there will definitely be new signage to help you determine what plastic goes where, because we understand this is going to be a big change from how you have been doing it in years past. We are hopeful that we can make this change

as smooth as possible and everyone can just make it a part of their recycling routine.

Q. Will there be anyone available to help us if we have questions?

A. During the first few days this change goes into effect there will be someone present to help with any questions you may have regarding what plastics should go where and if a certain plastic can be recycled or not. After that if you have any questions you can call our office at 706-439-6000 and we will get you in touch with the Recycling Program Coordinator.

Q. Are all the other recycling requirements still the same?

A. Yes, the only change being made is the separation of #1 and #2 plastics.

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up the bluff and trotted back toward where the Hemlock Tree was located. Upon reaching the area she immediately smelled the old bandit and let out another locate bark. Almost immediately her litter mate left the base of the tree and ran to Lou. That raccoon had climbed high up in the Hemlock and walked out a limb to the top of the bluff. Now he was trying to get to another place where he could lose these Black and Tan hounds.

Papa and his two sons, Paul and Bud, let out a whoop when Lou found the new track. "I kind of figured that wise old coon was pulling some shenanigans. But, old Lou has him figured out". The boys and their father listened as the dogs trailed over the ridge and toward the hollow where the family tree was located. Their father had carved his and their mother's initials on this ancient American Beech before they were born, sometime around 1936. The dogs trailed the bandit coon to this hollow. The boys and their father quickly ran to the top of the ridge to make sure the dogs could still be heard. The race was music to their ears and they were enjoying it.

The dogs were closing in on the raccoon and he knew it. But, he was going to use every trick he new of to shake the dogs off his track. There was a small bluff about 10 feet high next to the family tree. The old coon jumped from the top of the bluff down into the ancient Beech. He quickly went down the tree and turned up the small branch to a rock face where a small creek tumbled over. The twenty foot high, rocky waterfall was slick and moss covered. The old coon hoped the water would cover his scent and confuse or slow the dogs.

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drugs as a reward, causing a physical demand for the sensation when they aren't present.

When this switch flips on, a drug dependence develops. In these instances, teens become depressed and difficult to please unless drugs are somehow involved. In many cases, heavy drug use — especially at a young age — can do permanent damage to the brain that can't be undone, even if they eventually get sober.

A telltale sign of a drug problem is paraphernalia — the tools or objects used to store, prepare or take drugs. Catching any of these in your teen's bedroom, laundry, car or backpack should be a red flag. Common objects associated with drug use include pipes, bongos, rolling papers, plastic baggies, aluminum foil, pill bottles, needles, lighters, small glass vials and empty aerosol bottles (spray paint, household cleaners, etc.).

You can also look for physical evidence of the drugs themselves, which is often left behind from being used. Traces of marijuana, white powder, individual pills and other curious materials should not be ignored.

Along with the more obvious signs, there are behavioral and physical signs you should pay attention to. While the teenage years are bound to bring about personality shifts and it's not uncommon for young people to go through awkward phases or have a bad attitude from time to time, if

you notice any combination of symptoms and suspect drugs might be in play, don't let it pass by unaddressed.

Possible behavioral and physical signs of a drug problem can include suspicious or troublesome behavior, health issues such as constant sickness, a change in appearance and/or hygiene, problems with school, work or authority, financial trouble, asking for money or even stealing money, neglecting responsibilities such as class or family, hanging out with a new group of friends and lying or being increasingly secretive about their daily life.

Could your teen be suffering from withdrawal? When the human body becomes dependent on a drug, it will react violently when it doesn't receive these drugs. This is called withdrawal. Withdrawal is a common result of teens attempting to escape their drug addictions.

Signs of drug withdrawal are especially violent when the body tries to rid itself of harder drugs. These symptoms might include sickness or fever, nausea and vomiting, sweating, shaking, restlessness, fatigue, irritability, loss of appetite or depression.

Don't waste any time if you think your son or daughter is experiencing withdrawal. Get them medical attention. If they won't admit their drug problem directly, the doctor can determine if an addiction is involved.

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communities, I was asked by Tony Tooke, who was then USFS Region 8 Forester (now USFS Chief) to spread our successful FAC work from Towns County along the Appalachian Mountains into Virginia.

The USFS provided the funds for us to begin in 2017 and in the first 10 months, the Coalition organized 311 events and presented the FAC message to 6,500 people. At one presentation in North Carolina, a resident said, "I never thought about the risk of fire up here, but your group has opened my eyes and now we will take measures to be prepared, thank you!"

My satisfaction comes when communities and authorities come together to find solutions for wildfire risks in their communities. My job is 100% working with people developing partnerships and directing their efforts to achieve mutual goals. We must use many partners to facilitate our programs and events at Chest-Chatt because there are only 2 of us.

I have always considered myself good at bringing people together to achieve a common goal, and I make sure that all partners can contribute what they bring to the table and take away what they want out of it, which makes for good feelings and successful outcomes.

Running the RC&D is a lot like riding a bicycle, the faster you pedal, the faster you go, and you will encounter bumps, curves, up hills and down, but one thing is for sure, if you stop pedaling you will come to a stop and starting over is not easy.

The trick is to enlist enough partners to pedal and keep the momentum going and growing. When the RC&D light is turned off at the end of the day I go back to our Mountain Scene Farm on the Hiwassee River, my other world where I can transform into the farmer that I always wanted to be.

We grow sweet corn, sunflowers, pumpkins, honey, and tomatoes for our roadside market and we operate two Seasonal High tunnels where we grow vegetables and cut flowers for the local farmers markets. I am also a farm equipment collector with 7 tractors, all family heirlooms, from 1943 to 2012, plus the implements needed to plant and harvest the crops. I also have a mowing and road maintenance business.

Farming to me has been

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through life like tourists, changing jobs, spouses, identity, and morality. Rod Dreher's "Benedict Option" calls for Christians to build "a way of life that stands as an island of sanctity and stability amid the high tide of liquid modernity," which is now upon us.

As you respond to the ruckus around you, cultural refugees seeking that sanctity and stability will find Jesus' merry band of believers ready to take them in. Are you ready to be part of that? "Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord" (Ps. 144:15), who does not change.

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of their businesses that can be accessed by anyone who visits the Chamber web site. This is a tremendous tool for members to use to market their products and services. We had 13,406 visits to our website in January and many visitors also looked at the information on members' businesses listed there. Members who need help or more information on the portal can contact Dawn Saraney at the Chamber office at 706-745-5789.

Last for this week, we are now promoting the American Cowboy Country tour on 9/2-9. You can obtain information at the Chamber office or call our office and we can mail a package to you.

It is a blessing to be able to serve our membership in Blairsville/Union County.

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trying to follow directions? It's because it's distracting. Cell phones do the same thing; the conversations distract drivers.

The best practice is to not use your cell phone while driving. We have all done it but we shouldn't. Most of us remember the days without cell phones and we did just fine. So, if you have to take a call or send that essential text, pull over and do it from a safe location. If it's not essential, wait... you will be fine.

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my replacement who will be someone who thinks like I do, believes like I do, and works like I do, steps in and keeps the

RC&D going and growing so I can go be a real farmer. Then I can look back and say, "We did it!"

in my blood for my 68 years and is very rewarding from preparing the soil, planting the seeds, and then watching as the crops grow thru their life cycle.

After the growing season comes harvest time which is my favorite. There is no better feeling than a cold Fall evening watching the sun setting, the stars twinkling, while watching the final hopper of corn dumping into the wagon.

When the equipment shuts down there is quiet with the cold wind blowing thru the trees and a Whip-O-Will singing somewhere in the distance. It doesn't get any better than that.

My goal is to keep building our RC&D, so we can add staff to handle more programs and events. My goal is to train