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Sky Valley Times

JULY, 2023



Sherron Van Camp's letter

Editor

Wow! We have had such a beautiful month in Sky Valley! The weather has been so pleasant, we've had rain, and such beautiful sunsets. Sky Valley is truly such a magnificent place to call home or second home.

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We have wonderful people, glorious sites in our area, and so much more! Golf, pickle ball, croquet, tennis, fishing, hiking and swimming are just a few of the nearby activities. We are truly blessed.

These are exciting times in Sky Valley!

Our **July 3rd Event** was fantastic. Thank you to all the people and groups who really worked hard to bring this great event to all!

The **2023 State of the City Address** was presented on Wednesday, July 19th, to a large crowd of citizens. The presentation was well received. Thank you to all the Sky Valleyians who attended. This Power Point Presentation will be posted on the Sky Valley City Website for future review.

Councilman Oliver presented the Mayoral Advisory Committee projects during the State of the City Address. He described **the continuing discussions of possible sewer services in the valley area of our city by utilizing an updated engineering study and our GEFA \$3,000,000 grant.** Bill's talking points were:

The City has engaged an Engineering Management Study to

- Update costs on previous studies
- Recommend less costly options
- Assist with permitting
- Scalable for future needs

Updated discussions with Harrison Merrill

- Future residential development
- Scalable sewer system as needed

The Planning and Zoning Commission is continuing the process to approve **an ordinance to address our Short- Term Rentals** to include utilizing an internet Short Term Rental Management Company. The final draft upon approval from the P&Z Commission will be presented to the Council for approval.

Our contracted Auditor has asked the State of Georgia for an extension to complete **our city's 2022 financial audit.** We are hopeful the audit reports will be completed to present at our August Council Meeting,

Our City Manager is currently asking for bids to build **a third Pickle Ball court.**

As of this year, **the city's infrastructure improvements** have included road paving and culvert replacement:

MAYORAL COMMENTS



Hollie Steil
City mayor

Repaved Roadways

- Wildbird - \$11,891
- Chestatee - \$8,340
- Squaw Valley Rd - \$16,985
- Snowshoe Lane - \$16,752
- Walking Bear - \$26,756
- Portion of Evergreen and Rescue Lane - \$56,968
- Total Road Expenditures is **\$137,692 ALL PAID BY T-SPLOST FUNDS** (TSPLOST is a Special Local Option Sales Tax to be used for transportation needs)

Culvert replacements

- Cobblewood – completed by Sky Valley Public Works
- Snowshoe – completed by Sky Valley Public Works
- LaBelle Circle – completed by Sky Valley Public Works
- Ridgepole Drive – Contracted for **\$25,000 PAID BY TSPLOST FUNDS**
- Sky Valley Way - Contracted for **\$76,526 paid by TSPLOST FUNDS**

Sky Valley welcomes our new Police Officer – **Todd Maloney.** Say “hi” and welcome him when you see him.

Please notice **the new roof** on our new City Hall building – was paid for by our city insurance due to weather damage.

Our City Manager is still waiting to hear from the Rabun County Post Master General – we are in need of **additional mail boxes.**

ADMINISTRATION

Jason Streetman

The city manager of Sky Valley

The latest Unpaid Property Tax Report will follow this newsletter

Hello residents and visitors of Sky Valley!

I hope everyone is having a safe and enjoyable summer. I want to thank everyone who helped in the planning, marketing, and working of the recent Independence Day Celebration. The fireworks were amazing, and the crowd was as big as ever!

The summer months are a time when we are busy doing important public works projects, our police are busy working calls and serving and city hall is dutiful with day-to-day administration of the City.

I want to wish both my mom Theresa ("Theri"-July 30) and my sister Jaime ("Jaime Girl"-July 4) a happy birthday. I am sure they will appreciate the pictures I have attached.



Warm regards,

Jason

ADMINISTRATION

Jim Pyburn

Building inspector

The latest Housing & Development Data Report will follow this newsletter

Did you know that thirty-three billion tons of concrete are used each year, making it by far the most abundant human-made material in history?

It's the second-most consumed substance on Earth, behind only water. Of course, to make concrete you need cement. And that means we now require around 4 billion tons of cement every year – over a billion tons more than the food we eat annually. This gives us an idea why the cost of concrete is so expensive. Remember, a permit is required any time your project requires poured concrete. For retaining walls greater than 4 ft. from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall there is a \$100.00 permit fee. For other poured concrete the permit fee is \$50.00.



ADMINISTRATION

Vaughn Estes

Chief of Police

We had a wonderful 4th of July celebration, our town had a capacity turn out.

Our most common complaint was about speeding on our narrow streets.

Please, make sure you use extra caution while driving, the increase in vehicles on our narrow roads continues was tremendous. The speed limits are posted, please be observant of them. Keep in mind that from the timeshare office to past the post office is a 15 MPH zone. This is a high foot traffic area.

We also had many complaints about vehicles parked in the road. Please, make sure there is enough room for the Ambulance or Fire Trucks to travel. We never know when an emergency will arise. Do your part and help keep the roadway clear.

Jerry Shope

Public Works Superintendent

I would like to thank all the home owners and the city council and mayor for all the support, the public works department has been working on cleaning/blowing out culverts and redefining ditches, we also have been working on everyday work orders and will be canopy clearing as we can , we also have been flail mowing the banks on the right of way.

FOR YOUR BENEFIT

Birdfeeders

Birdfeeders are not permitted between April 15 & November 15

Reminders

- The speed limit from the timeshare office to past the post office is a **15 MPH zone**
- Loud noises of all kinds are prohibited **after 10 pm**

Communication methods

You may sign up for informative emails on the city site or call at City Hall: 706-746-2204

Website: www.skyvalleyga.com

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/skyvalleyga

Instagram: @visitskyvalleyga

Boil water advisories

- ✓ Drink bottled water if possible
- ✓ Bring tap water to a rolling boil for 1 minute when cooking or preparing drinks
- ✓ Wash all fruits and vegetable with boiled or bottled water
- ✓ Use bottled water or boiled water when mixing with baby formula
- ✓ Laundry can be done as usual, but dishwashers need to be on the hot setting



- ✗ Don't use ice from ice trays, ice dispensers or ice makers
- ✗ Don't swallow any water when bathing or showering
- ✗ Don't brush your teeth with tap water
- ✗ Don't give your pets tap water
- ✗ Don't trust a filter; most water filters typically do not remove bacteria

Reminder, this is just an advisory

Upcoming events

July 19th*

State of the City report by Sky
Valley Mayor Hollie Steil

August, 5th

Pancake Breakfast
8 am – 10 am
Cost is \$5-10

August, 16th*

Sky Valley-Scaly Mountain
Volunteer Fire Department by
Chief Ken Sigler

September, 2nd

Pancake Breakfast
8 am – 10 am
Cost is \$5-10

September, 20th*

Black Rock Mountain State Park
by Ranger Jessica James

October, 7th

Pancake Breakfast
8 am – 10 am
Cost is \$5-10

October, 18th*

Charitable donations and
board member election

*You must be a member of the POA to attend the meetings

The message board

Scaly Mtn Women's Club Pancake Breakfast

Raising funds for local scholars. Pancake Breakfast is on **Saturday, July 22, 8:00 – 10:30** at **Scaly School House**. Cost: **\$8** for adults and **\$6** for children. No more than **\$30** for family.

Sky Valley Garden Club July Event

Jane Godshalk, AIFD and Instructor at Longwood Gardens presenting the “Joys of Mountain Findings in Floral Design: Creating Arrangements with Local Beauty” at **Sky Valley Country Club**, on **Thursday, July 27, 11:30**. **\$75** per ticket to include meet and greet, lunch and the demonstration. The event has limited space so reserve your place by contacting: skyvalleygardenclub@outlook.com

Let's play bingo!

On **Thursday, July 27, 6:30-8:30 pm** at **Highlands Community Building**, 859 N 4th Street. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Highlands & the Scaly Mountain Women's Club. **\$1** per game, 15 games: Food & Drinks available for purchase. Cash only

Sky Valley Garden Club Meeting

The next meeting of the Sky Valley Garden Club is **July 26th** and will be the annual Arts and Crafts **Fair at the Sky Valley Country Club**. Doors open at **10:00 am** for check in. Lunch will be served in the Lakeside room at 11:00. There will be many vendors and lots of merchandise for you to purchase from 10:00 until 1:00.

July's Visiting Author

The book club's July book, *A Shadow in Moscow*, will be presented by author, Katherine Reay, on **Wednesday, July 19th at 11:00 am**. Please contact the club at de@skyvalleycountryclub.com to attend this meeting. The cost is **\$25** per person.

The message board

Tell It True

Visiting Author Luncheon - **Aug 30th, 11:00 am** registration. Author John Pruitt discusses his book "Tell It True". Luncheon Cost is \$25. Contact e-mail: rsvp@SkyValleyCountryClub.com

Dahlias By The Lake

Sky Valley Garden Club will host its annual fundraiser "Dahlias By The Lake" on Wednesday, **September 6th, 5:30-7:30** to be held at Sky Valley Country Club. Cost is **\$50** per person. Contact a Garden Club member for information.

Pottery Class presented by local artist Barbara Bannon

You don't need artistic talent to make a masterpiece. Barbara will guide you through your piece. You can draw and paint, silk screen, transfer or simply glaze your piece. This year you will be making a large round platter with handles. Pieces will be available for pick up the following week at the club house. Class is limited to 20. **August 17th, 2:00 - 5:00 pm, SV Club Patio, \$65.**

Breakfast feast

The Sky Valley POA will host a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, August 5th, at the Sky Valley Pavilion from **8 am – 10 am. \$10** for 12 years and up, **\$5** ages 5 – 11, no charge for ages 4 and under. Cash or check only.

Free Pet CPR & First Aid Event

SVSM VFD Community, Room 169 Hale Ridge Road, Scaly Mountain, NC **4 pm.** Contact: joanneroesner@yahoo.com. Sponsored by Joanne Roesner DVM, DABVP and Rabun Animal Hospital

The message board

Sky Valley Property Owners Association Resident Watch Program

The Sky Valley Property Owners Association offers a Watch Program to provide security and health care protection **for all residents**. The program involves giving a property owner the ability to give a key for access to the property to a trusted loved one or neighbor to enter the residence in cases of lack of contact with the public. The Sky Valley Police cannot enter a dwelling without permission from owners. Owners must fill out the form included which allows granted permission to emergency personnel (police, emergency medical personnel) for entry to check on property owners. The forms are to be turned in to the city communications specialist in order for a spreadsheet to be produced and forwarded to the police by digital methodology. The spreadsheet will include the property owners names, addresses, home phone numbers, cell numbers, and key holder names and home and cell numbers. The ONLY data transmitted to the police will be this spreadsheet. This is open for ALL residents of Sky Valley, NOT just POA members.

Animal Solutions

Professional wildlife removal & prevention services
Bees, squirrels, bats, beavers, snakes, rats, opossum
All employees state licensed. Insured, guarantees
770-823-7154



The Tomato Guy

The Tomato Guy is **at the Mountain Junction intersection**.
He has delicious fruits and vegetables and always offers curbside service—Rain or Shine! Go buy and get your fresh goodies!
Picking Days: Wednesdays
Open: Thursday, Friday and Saturday 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Grown from Old Seedline and Heritage seeds

SKY VALLEY PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

skyvalleypoa.net

RESIDENT WATCH PROGRAM

3444 Highway #246

Sky Valley, GA 30537

Emergency Police Contact (706) 782-7777

Full Name: _____
Last First MI

Address: _____
Street Address

City State Zip Code

Phone Numbers: _____
Home Cell

Do you have a Vial/File of Life? ___ YES ___ NO

Emergency/Family Contact's Name: _____

Emergency/Family Contact's Phone(s): _____

KEY HOLDER INFORMATION

Name: _____

Phone Numbers: _____
Home Cell

Address: _____

Relationship: _____

*Resident Signature

*Key Holder Signature

*Resident and Key Holder signature indicates permission by Resident for Key Holder to give permission to First Responders to enter residence.

PARADE WINNERS



Unpaid Property Tax

City of Sky Valley

Unpaid Property Tax 2014-05/2023

RECEIPT	TAXES	FEES	PENALTY	INTEREST	COSTS	TOTAL
2014	97,86	0	9,79	70,01	22	199,66
2015	178,83	0	17,88	110,16	324	630,87
2016	283,06	0	9,98	102,71	507,89	903,64
2017	352,81	0	52,95	106,05	1 265,00	1 776,81
2018	365,43	0	18,27	104	3 238,15	3 725,85
2019	354,31	0	17,71	69,3	63,35	504,67
2020	354,31	0	0	29,44	60	443,75
2021	2 004,36	0	100,20	62,64	527	2 694,20
2022	6161,69		308,13	215,63	12939,45	17797,55
TOTAL	10152,66	0	534,91	869,94	18946,84	28677

Housing & Development Departmental Data Report

Housing & Development Departmental Data Report		For month ending, June 30, 2023		
	June 2023	YTD	2022 YTD	
New Residential & Commercial permits issued	0	2	2	
All other addition, remodel and repair permits	9	68	55	
Certificates of Occupancy issued	2	8	0	
Total New Construction not yet finalized	4		0	
Total Other Construction not yet finalized	20		0	
Notices to Comply issued	3	3	0	
Stop Work Orders issued	0	0	0	
Tree Cutting permits issued	7	33	47	
Code & Ordinance Violations cited	0	0	0	
Fees Collected				
	June 2023	YTD	2022 YTD	
New Residential or Commercial Permits	\$0,00	\$6 493,50	\$7 831,00	
Other Addition, Remodel, Repair Permits	\$650,00	\$3 030,00	\$5 600,00	
Tree Cutting Permits	\$795,00	\$2 220,00	\$2 205,00	
Land Disturbing Permits	\$0,00	\$0,00	\$0,00	
Fines Collected for Ordinance Violations	\$0,00	\$0,00	\$0,00	

Police department

Monthly count sheet for June, 2023

		YTD
Fire	0	0
Med call	1	4
Accident	0	9
Family Viol.	0	2
Fight/assault	0	0
Death/suicide	0	0
Missing Person	0	0
Burglary/Break in	0	0
Theft	0	1
Susp. Activity	0	1
Susp. Person	0	7
Susp. Vehicle	0	1
Alarm	0	3
Investigation	0	3
DUI/PUI	0	0
Drug Related	0	2
Juvenile	0	1

		YTD
Traffic Control	6	20
Traffic Stop	72	376
Warning	30	173
Citation	42	203
Mutual Aid	1	12
Animal	6	12
Lost and Found	0	0
Complaint	0	0
City Ord.	1	2
Public Assist	16	48
Resident Check	709	6,011
Business Check	1243	6,136
Welfare Check	3	12
Visitor Escort	6	20
Arrest	0	6
911 Calls	29	112
Mileage	2878	22,245

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TIMES



INTERVIEW

Monica Blalock

*Worker of
month*

ENTERTAINMENT CONTENT

“I act intuitively and try to listen to my heart”

Our employee of the month, deputy clerk, **Monica Blalock**, has kindly agreed to tell us about things are close to all of our hearts

Q **How was your morning? How do you typically start your day?**

A It was good, although I'm a little tired. I had four days off, so it's always hard to get up so early – at 5:30 in the morning on the first day. Usually, I take a shower, get ready for work, and have my cup of coffee.

Q **How do you handle your daily tasks?**

A I just do what needs to be done. My job is pretty routine, so I tackle the routine tasks first. It simplifies my life and allows me to focus on the aspects that require more attention.

Q **Tell us about your experience working with people.**

A I've been working with people for a long time. I'm glad I found myself, because I enjoy interacting, helping, and serving people to make them happy. This government job provides me with the opportunity to do what energizes me.

Q **What is the biggest challenge you have faced while working here?**

A The biggest challenge was the routine. Working five days a week, sitting at a desk for certain hours was a change for me since most of my career involved being on the road, driving, and traveling. But that doesn't mean it's a bad thing; it's just different.

Q **How has your life changed since you started working in Sky Valley?**

A It's like a new chapter in my life. I am really happy and have a good time here. Since my kids are grown and able to take care of themselves, I can relax and enjoy my free time. Another significant change is forming office relationships and working with good, kind people every day. I truly appreciate it.

Q **What do you like about Sky Valley?**

A I had the opportunity to visit Sky Valley before I started working here, and I really admire the sense of community. I appreciate how organized and caring the people are, not to mention the various events like the Sed Weber Cancer Fund BBQ* that bring everyone together. And, of course, this city is incredibly beautiful!

Q **How do you maintain a balance between work and life?**

A Over time, it has become a part of me, and now it doesn't seem too challenging to find a balance. I do my job, complete my tasks, go on vacations, spend time with family and friends, and cook dinners for my kids. I act intuitively and try to listen to my heart. Sometimes I just want to stroll in my yard, meet my friends, play with little kids, and allow myself to enjoy that time. It's just living life!

*A fund for Rabun County cancer patients and their caregivers

Q What inspires you?

A People, always people. Their incredible inner world, their happiness, and their exciting stories. My brother-in-law is a great example to follow. He is someone who always makes an effort to call, visit, and engage in conversations. I've learned a lot from him. And, of course, don't forget to find light even in your darkest times, to turn to God and pray. This provides a powerful foundation for life.

Q How do you define success?

A I believe success is measured by how happy you are and the quality of your loving relationships. You can measure it by asking yourself. "Are you close to your children? Do you prioritize family? Do you work to maintain relationships? Do you recognize the value in your family, friends, colleagues, and the people around you?"

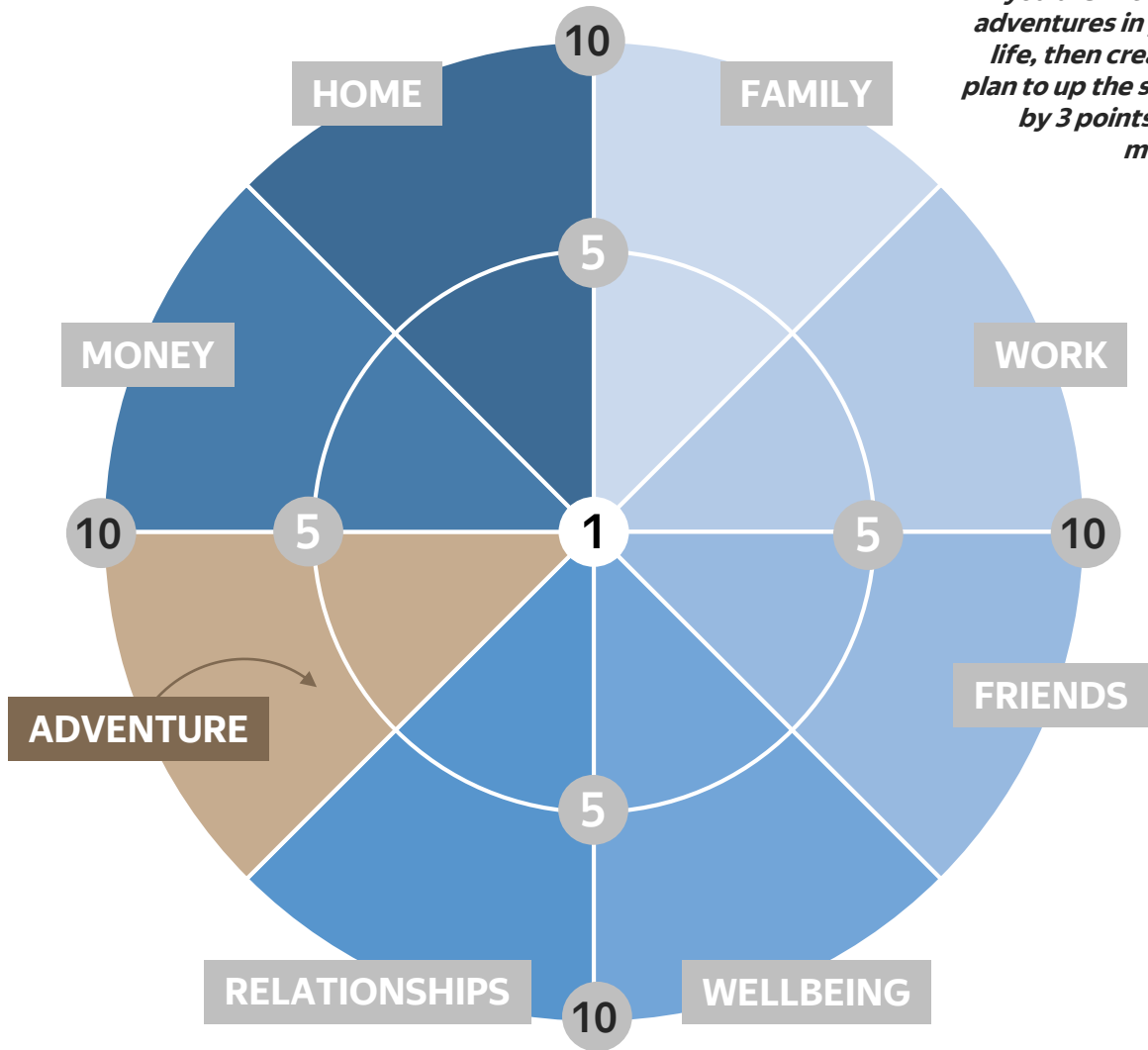
Q You come across as a well-balanced person, and people love you. How do you maintain good relationships with others?

A I'm truly blessed to have loving kids, family, great friends, and an amazing environment. These communication skills are learned from life itself. You don't take people for granted; you learn how to treat others by understanding your own feelings, emotions, and reactions. You observe how other people act, analyze their behavior, and adopt their best habits. It's also important to make time for your loved ones, call them, and make sure they're doing okay, letting them know you love them.



The wheel of life

Rate how satisfied you are with the adventures in your life, then create a plan to up the score by 3 points this month



This month, we are concentrating on adventure. So, we did the brainstorming for you to have an unforgettable journey in Sky Valley >>>

Here's a quick reminder: life is good. Life is great. Life is so unbelievable!

The insider's cultural guide of Sky Valley

Usually we have several important principles when choosing the direction to travel. The first is pleasant weather, the second is a variety of interesting activities and the last is beautiful views. So, if you run a search for a destination according to these criteria, you will definitely find Sky Valley. The city is nestled in a mountain valley on Georgia's second-highest peak and it has a very nice subtropical highland climate.



Play golf

Take a chance to play a game of aristocrats in a picturesque place of Georgia. Visit Golf Club Website <https://www.skyvalleycountryclub.com>

Play pickleball

If you are quite adventurous, come and try one of the most popular sports in our country

Discover Highlands ziplines

It is a scenic meandering through rich beauty and history. 8 ziplines, fully guided 90 minute UTV ride with 10 stops through the 95-acre forested property

Visit 2 beautiful churches: Community Bible Church and Chapel of Sky Valley

Regardless of your religion, places of worships are a huge part of cultural heritage and help us understand our own traditions or learn about the cultures we are entering

Meet our neighbors

Visit Julep Farm located in Dillard if you like ponies, cows and ducks. Shopping and fine cuisine lovers will also not be disappointed!

Visit Mud Creek Waterfalls

This great waterfall is approximately 100 feet high with an impressive spouting fume down the middle. Experience the popular 2.3 mile out-and-back trail near our beautiful town, it takes an average of 55 min to complete. If you like hiking you can explore also Glen Falls Trail, Dry Falls, Black Rock Mountain State Park, Becky Branch Falls and Sarah's Creek Falls

Take the best photo cards at Sky Valley Overlook

Be sure your posts on Facebook and Instagram will cause public reaction and questions about the place you took your pictures. Don't forget to tag us @visitskyvalleyga

Take a pause

Escape the noise of the city and spend a day alone. Be mindful of your emotions, thoughts and sensations in the body, discover yourself. Sky Valley is the best place to catch zen!

Have a Family day

Come together to our quiet and cozy city, choose a good movie for evening and enjoy your home-cooked meal



The Medical News Report



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NEW DRUGS FOR ALZHEIMER'S ENCOURAGING

Two drugs have been FDA approved by their advisory committee (the FDA still has to give final approval) for AD.

The FDA Advisory committee unanimously approved lecanemab (Leqembi) paving the way

for the traditional approval of the new drug after phase 3 of clinical trials, the last phase, is reviewed by the board of directors. The IV infusion of this drug targets amyloid beta, a protein that abnormally infiltrates parts of the brain in AD (the other protein is tau, which form tangles around brain cells). This drug slows the cognitive decline in AD. The multicenter double blind study (by the drug company Eisai, Inc.) of 1795 patients who had mild cognitive dementia with AD. There was a **27%** decrease in cognitive decline as measured by testing 14 tasks. **37%** of functioning was better in the group that received the drug, compared to the placebo group. It was estimated to delay cognitive decline by an average of 5 months giving them more time to live independently, enjoy more activities, hobbies, and interests. It will still require follow up studies for safety and continued effectiveness of the drug.

Medscape, June 12, 2023

A DRUG FOR CONTROL OF AGITATION AND HALLUCINATIONS

Brexpiprazole (Rexulti), a drug on the market for failures in those with depression, who need a second drug, primarily to control agitation and hallucinations. Now the FDA has approved it officially for those with AD who deal with agitation. Dizziness and lightheadedness is a concern as a side effect, and therefore, getting up from the bed or a chair will need to be careful.

WebMD



The Medical News Report
#138 July, 2023



THE NEXT COVID-19 VACCINE BOOSTER-COMPONENTS?

The next booster should be composed of the more recent Omicron variant solely—XBB.1.5, according to the FDA advisory panel, which will be available this fall. All 21 members of the panel recommended not to include the original Wuhan strains in the vaccine we faced early in the pandemic. This makes the booster a monovalent vaccine and distinctly different than the ones available.

The current vaccine is losing its efficacy against the strains today causing illness, which accounts for **95%** of COVID cases worldwide. This vaccine will be available from Pfizer, Moderna, and Novavax, all who have targeted XBB.1.5, which is responsible for **40%** of the current cases.

There are 2 newer strains XBB.1.16 and 2.3, which represent **25%** of the new cases, but the FDA panel doesn't intend to include them.

The current bivalent booster has been very unpopular (only **16%** of the population) and is turning out to be less effective than hoped. This booster creates an activation of immunity from the B cell lymphocytes, but it should be remembered that T- cell immunity will continue to be active, so we have some protection from COVID regardless of the variant. Also, herd immunity is another protective factor.

Medpage Today, June 16, 2023

Recipe

**Sugar &
gluten
free**



WHOLE GRAINED BREAD

“One of those tasty treats recipes that are often passed down generationally or shared within communities”

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup cultured milk
- 1,5 cups whole grained oatmeal
- 0,5 cups keto flour
- 1,5 tea spoon baking powder
- 1,5 tea spoon salt
- garlic, black pepper, Italian seasoning – at your preference
- 1 egg

METHOD

1. In a large bowl mix cultured milk and baking powder – very quickly
2. Make oatmeal flour in a coffee grinder (coarse type)
3. In another large bowl mix oatmeal flour and keto flour, salt and seasoning
4. Pour cultured milk to flour and mix it with a spoon, add 1 beaten egg, stir well and leave it for 20 minutes
5. Form round bread, use aluminum foil for baking
6. Bake it for 40 minutes at 425°

Animals in North Georgia

Since moving to Sky Valley, we have seen a wide variety of animals species. Among these are American black bears, deer, bobcats, foxes, turkey, raccoons, squirrels, chipmunks, snakes, trout, and fireflies. But that's just the start of North Georgia wildlife! Whether you're hiking in the national forest, enjoying coffee on your deck, or birdwatching, keep an eye out for these rare and amazing creatures.



Appalachian cottontails are solitary creatures. They are active around dusk or at dawn. During the day they typically avoid predators by sheltering under logs or in burrows. These rabbits don't hibernate, being active year-round. They have about 100 million scent receptors in their noses.

When **Northern pine snakes** are active, they are usually found on the ground but occasionally climb into low trees or bushes. These snakes eat rodents, other small mammals, birds, and bird eggs. Pine snakes are non-venomous and reach sexual maturity at about 3 years old and will then breed once per year.



Eastern Tiger Salamander populations are small, and several are in decline because of pesticide use and ecological succession. These salamanders can live 14 years or more. They are not venomous, but their skin is poisonous. If you happen to come into contact with a salamander, wash your hands and avoid rubbing your eyes or touching your mouth to prevent irritation.



The **bog turtle** is one of the smallest living turtles. You may think you've found a baby turtle, but adult bog turtles only grow up to about 4 inches! Male bog turtles have larger tails than females, and the underside of the shell is concave.

North Georgia is rich in natural beauty and has diverse ecosystems. The area boasts a unique array of wildlife, shaped by distinct geographical features and climatic conditions. So happy that we can explore our new area.

Sherron Van Camp

IT IS IMPORTANT

Snake Safety

Less than one-third of the 2,700 species of snakes are classified as poisonous and fewer than 300 species of snakes may be fatal to humans

- **Avoid being bitten**

Leave snakes alone. Most bites occur when people get too close or try to touch or kill a snake.

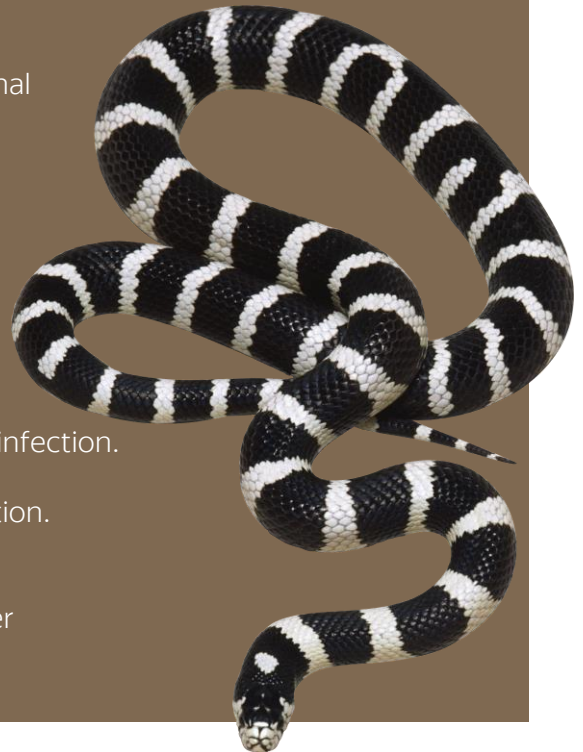
- Don't tread or step into places outdoors that you can't see.
- Never touch a snake, even if you think it is dead.
- Wearing boots and long pants when hiking may prevent snakebites. Stay out of tall grass unless you wear thick leather boots, and remain on hiking paths as much as possible

If you get bitten

- ✓ Call 911 or go to the closest emergency department if you are unsure about the type of snake that bit you
- ✓ Stay calm and cool. Minimize activity if possible. However, if you are alone in the wilderness or far from access to medical care, you may have to hike out to the nearest phone/cell phone signal or roadway for help
- ✓ Don't do anything to the place you were bitten—you might make it worse
- ✓ Avoid further injury by staying away from the snake
- ✓ Keep the bite below the level of the heart

Do NOT

- × Do not try to suck the venom out with your mouth or suction device. That might lead to an infection.
- × Do not apply a constriction band or tourniquet with a belt or rope as that will cut off the circulation.
- × Do not drink any alcohol or take aspirin after a snakebite. Both thin your blood, which is also what the snake venom does. Do not apply either hot or cold packs



#Your creative cheat sheet



INSHOT

Most of my videos I make with InShot. It is the best program to implement your best ideas.



PREQUEL

Really amazing app for photo and video editing! There are so many stylish filters and retro effects that you can use even with free version!



PICSART

You can use PicsArt for photo edits, gifs, making wallpapers and calendars. There are a lot of instruments, filters and stickers for your joy!



SKETCHBOOK

This is a fantastic drawing app. User friendly, simple enough on a surface level for those without art experience to be able to understand it, but it is deep enough for people to master it and make some stunning artwork!

TWENTYNINETEEN

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Appreciate the little moments, that's life happening!

M T W T F S S

Notable, if not silly days

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| July 1 | <u>International Chicken Wing Day</u> | July 17 | <u>Yellow Pig Day</u> |
| July 2 | <u>World UFO Day</u> | July 18 | <u>World Listening Day</u> |
| July 3 | <u>Eat Beans Day</u> | July 19 | <u>National Daiquiri Day</u> |
| July 4 | <u>Ind. Day & Sidewalk Egg Frying Day</u> | July 20 | <u>Ugly Truck Day</u> |
| July 5 | <u>International Bikini Day</u> | July 21 | <u>National Junk Food Day</u> |
| July 6 | <u>National Fried Chicken Day</u> | July 22 | <u>Ratcatcher's Day</u> |
| July 7 | <u>National Strawberry Sundae Day</u> | July 23 | <u>Vanilla Ice Cream Day</u> |
| July 8 | <u>Body Painting Day</u> | July 24 | <u>Tell an Old Joke Day</u> |
| July 9 | <u>National Dimples Day</u> | July 25 | <u>National Chili Dog Day</u> |
| July 10 | <u>Pina Colada Day</u> | July 26 | <u>World Tofu Day</u> |
| July 11 | <u>Cheer up the Lonely Day</u> | July 27 | <u>Take Your Houseplants for a Walk</u> |
| July 12 | <u>Pecan Pie Day</u> | July 28 | <u>National Waterpark Day</u> |
| July 13 | <u>Embrace Your Geekiness Day</u> | July 29 | <u>National Lipstick Day</u> |
| July 14 | <u>Shark Awareness Day</u> | July 30 | <u>Paperback Book Day</u> |
| July 15 | <u>Cow Appreciation Day</u> | July 31 | <u>National Watermelon Day</u> |
| July 16 | <u>World Snake Day</u> | | |

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SKY VALLEY shop



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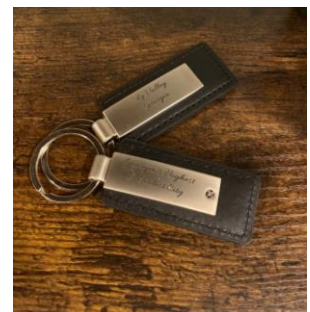
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Letter of Gratitude

As City Manager for this wonderful City, I was asked recently what I am grateful for?

I thought about it for a second and below is my summation.

- ♥ I am thankful for my family.
- ♥ I am thankful for a Mayor and Council who has the best interest of this wonderful City at heart.
- ♥ I am thankful for a dedicated staff who strive to make the City better today than yesterday.
- ♥ I am thankful for the confidence and responsibility entrusted to me to run this fine City.
- ♥ I am thankful for the beautiful surroundings and to work for the best City in Georgia.
- ♥ I am thankful for my health and energy to approach each day with zest.

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