



133 Echota Parkway
Boone, NC 28607

The View From Here
ECHOTA'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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Echota News



SHOW YOUR ECHOTA PRIDE

If you haven't picked up your Echota community or 15-year anniversary car decals, swing by the office. They're free for homeowners.

FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Have you "liked" us on Facebook or followed us on Instagram? Check out our latest happenings on our social media pages. And if you're posting photos of your own vacations, tag us or use the #echotanc hashtag.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/EchotaResort

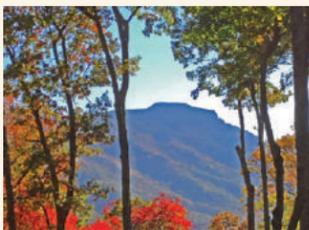
Instagram: echotanc

WINTER REMINDERS

- As the temperature cools, remember to keep your heat set on a minimum of 60 degrees.
- Make sure all windows and doors are locked before you leave.
- Secure outdoor furniture and accessories.

Featured Properties at Echota

Find your perfect home away from home, while experiencing the tranquility of the High Country. For details on the below listings or to learn more about Echota properties for sale, call [800] 333-7601 or visit EchotaNC.com.



MORGAN'S RIDGE LOT 7

MLS 194040

As many Echota owners look to upgrade from a condo to a full-size home, as well as upgrading their views, this stunning Morgan's Ridge homesite fits the bill ... and then some. One of the larger sites in the community, this piece of property offers a recently trimmed long-range view of Grandfather Mountain. Come out and walk the just-created paths on the sloping property while taking in the scenery for yourself. And, hurry! This private lot won't last long. *Offered at \$285,000*



CHALAKEE C411

MLS 39204372

Experience lower-level living in the sought-after Chalakee community. This new-construction 2-bedroom, 2-bathroom property is slated for completion by July 2017. A large open kitchen and breakfast bar include granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, custom cabinetry, and plenty of storage. The surprisingly spacious open living area features a stacked stone, remote-control-operated gas fireplace with built-in TV. Step out onto the covered deck and take in the spectacular views of Grandfather Mountain. The deck offers a lounge space for relaxing, a dining area, and outdoor gas grill with granite surround and hood. *Offered at \$294,900*



TIMBERS E-3

MLS 39204405

Top-floor furnished 2-bedroom, 2.5-bath condo with loft space offers plenty of amenities. The main living area's open floorplan features expansive vaulted ceilings, a floor-to-ceiling stacked stone fireplace, and hardwood floors throughout. The master suite sits on the main level with a spacious bedroom, deck access, and en suite master bathroom with double vanity, oversized soaking tub, standup shower, and plenty of storage. An excellent value for an upper-level unit with Grandfather Mountain views. *Offered at \$325,000*



CLIFFSIDER J

MLS 39204490

Experience the epitome of a luxury mountain getaway. This 4-bedroom, 4-bathroom home comes packed with upgrades, including hardwood floors, granite countertops, gas cooktop, stainless steel appliances, stacked stone gas fireplace, and tongue-and-groove vaulted ceilings. The main level features an open kitchen with oversized island, dining area, living room, full guest bedroom, and the master bedroom suite. The oversize master suite and adjoining bath provide the perfect retreat, with a double vanity, stand-up shower, soaking tub, and walk-in closet. Also from the master and the main level, walk out onto the private wraparound deck with covered porch area. Located upstairs, the second master includes a sitting area, full bathroom, and rustic tongue-and-groove vaulted ceilings. The lower level provides space for guests, either as a second living area or fourth bedroom, and also includes a fourth full bathroom, laundry room, and access to a screened-in porch. *Offered at \$489,000*



The View From Here



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'TIS THE SEASON

Take advantage of volunteer opportunities in the High Country.

While plenty of us are grateful for the comforts of our community, there are many in the High Country who aren't as fortunate. But, there are plenty of ways for us to give back this season to the area that's so enriched our lives. And, keep in mind that while fall and winter are great times to volunteer, each organization needs year-round aid. Here are a few of our favorite opportunities.

Feed the hungry with the Western Watauga Food Outreach, which provides a weekly potluck at the Cove Creek Community Center, partnering with local restaurants like McKethan Brothers Barbecue. Volunteers serve residents in need in the Villas, Cove Creek, Bethel, and Zionville communities. The organization needs team leaders and volunteers each Thursday to assist delivering, packing, and distributing food. Visit www.wufood.org for more information.

Enrich the lives of others while impacting your own when you volunteer with Hospitality House, a place for those experiencing homelessness to become self-sufficient and productive. From mentoring and preparing hot meals to hosting

bingo nights or becoming a Spanish translator, opportunities are needed year-round. Hospitality House also needs blankets for the cold season. Visit www.hosphouse.org or call (828) 264-1237 for current opportunities.

Pack a basket. Green Street Catering in Boone puts together baskets to deliver to families in need. In addition to feeding hundreds of hungry families each week, Green Street Catering hosts special holiday programs throughout the year, including Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. At press time, dates hadn't yet been set for the holidays, but visit www.greenstreetcatering.org or contact them by email at greenstreetcatering@gmail.com for updates.

One of our favorite area organizations is Quiet Givers, an effort based out of Boone, matching donors to those in need. They work with everyone from the Western Watauga Food Outreach to local churches in order to meet the needs—big and small—of the community. For their current list of ways to give back, visit quietgiving.org.

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What's New at Echota?

ECHOTA IS THE "BEST OF THE BEST"

ideal-LIVING magazine recognizes what our community already knows—this is a great place to live!

We are excited to announce that Echota was featured in *ideal-LIVING* magazine for their 2016 "Best of the Best" issue. The national magazine, which focuses on resort and retirement destinations, searched far and wide to provide its readers with the best planned communities throughout the United States. The publication recognized Echota for Best Mountain Views and Best Nature Preserves.

"We've really worked hard to preserve the acreage we have," says Leah Grove, Echota's marketing coordinator and resale broker. "When Mark Harrill developed the community, he took into account a lot of the natural landscape, leaving plenty of trees and natural rock outcroppings.

Even our roads blend really well with the landscape that's already here."

The recognition is just additional confirmation that our luxury resort community nestled into the mountains of the High Country will be enjoyed for generations.



Living in the High Country

There's An App for That



BIRDING IN THE BLUE RIDGE

While you're out taking in the late-fall color of the mountains, grab your binoculars and scan the horizon for rich blues, greens, and ruby reds. This season in the High Country is bountiful with bird species.

While September is the prime time for fall migrations, October through December is the time to view breeding species and year-round winter residents. Birds are drawn to the High Country for its natural habitat. Meet, for instance, a crimson cardinal. Watch a dark-eyed junco light on a branch. Listen for the call of a black-throated green warbler.

Check out these optimal locations to get a glimpse of some of the area's winged residents:

- Meat Camp Creek Environmental Studies Area
- Elk Knob State Park
- Linville Falls
- Boone Greenway
- Blue Ridge Parkway
- Julian Price Memorial Park
- Mount Mitchell
- Mt. Pisgah
- Tanawha Trail
- Grandfather Mountain
- Greenway in Boone
- Lewis Fork Overlook
- Valle Crucis Community Park
- W. Kerr Scott



For local checklists by birding enthusiasts, visit the High Country Audubon chapter. They also offer monthly nature walks in Boone's Brookshire Park. Check their calendar of events and other High Country birding information at: www.highcountryaudubon.org/hotspots.html or visit www.NCbirdingtrail.org.

Ditch the map and the brochures. Instead, pull out your smartphone.

Here are a few apps that offer local tips and up-to-date information. Each of these is available on Android and iPhone platforms.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ADVENTURE GUIDE

Choose your area and browse more than 150 outdoor destinations, local gear shops, and guide services. Sort by adventure, area, and activities. www.advguides.com/wnc-adventure-guide-app-android-iphone/

ALLTRAILS

Several of our employees at Foscoe Companies use this comprehensive trail guide map. With 50,000 trails in the app, you can view detailed hikes which include level of difficulty and photos. Also draw your own routes and get driving directions. www.alltrails.com/mobile

HIGH COUNTRY VISITOR GO GUIDE

Plan your High Country area visit. The app offers events calendars, lists of places to eat, services provided, shopping, and weather forecasts. www.app.highcountry.guide

READYNC

Get real-time traffic and weather conditions in the area. The app shows traffic jams and gives information on river levels, hurricanes, and ice storms. A handy tool to plan your trip, the app also shows evacuations and power outages. www.readync.org

Meet the Owners

LAUREN AND BEN TEDDER

After graduating and settling down closer to family near Lake Norman, Lauren and Ben Tedder felt the mountains calling them back.

"Lauren and I both went to school at ASU and loved returning to the mountains for football and the area overall," says Ben. But with their two young daughters, 5-year-old Sloane and 2-year-old Caroline, the couple wanted a vacation home that fit the whole family. Living nearby, Ben's parents, Dan and Julia, shared similar interest in a no-fuss vacation location for relaxing mountain getaways.

With a firm understanding of what they were looking for, the group decided to make their second home at Echota and purchased their property in October 2010. Ben cites the myriad community and area amenities available for each

member of the family—from ASU football games and local Friday night music to rounds of golf, shopping, dining, and all the High Country outdoor activities. For the little ones, the Tedders love the close proximity to Tweetsie Railroad, as well as quality time spent at the community pools. "Our favorite season at Echota is summer," says Ben. "We are there just about every weekend during summer."

Adds Ben: "We all decided that the value of Echota's development in amenities, convenient location, and gorgeous views provided the best combination to meet everyone's desires."



Events

Experience the best the area has to offer in late summer and early fall.



Photo courtesy of Tweetsie Railroad

October

GHOST TRAIN HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL

SEPT. 23 – OCT. 29
[TWEETSIE RAILROAD]

Each Friday and Saturday, Tweetsie Railroad hosts Ghost Train rides, trick-or-treating, a haunted house, and attractions like the 3-D maze and Freaky Forest. Limited admission is \$36 a person, with children 2 and under free. Gates open at 7:30 p.m. and close at 11:30 p.m.

www.tweetsierailroad.com

NORTH CAROLINA DANCE FESTIVAL

OCT. 27 – OCT. 29
[BOONE]

The dance festival returns to Appalachian State University with an impressive lineup of touring dance professionals that hail from North Carolina. Look for ASU dance faculty and invited community dancers and choreographers to perform during the program. Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$10 for students.

www.theatreanddance.appstate.edu/events/ncdf-2016

November

APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY FAMILY WEEKEND

Nov. 4 – Nov. 6
[BOONE]

Visit the university campus during one of the most beautiful seasons of the year. The fun-filled weekend features campus tours, tailgates, and special admission rates to the football game. Cheer on the Mountaineers and experience what makes ASU so special.

www.familyweekend.appstate.edu

ASU vs. ULM

Nov. 19
[BOONE]

Watch the Mountaineers take on the University of Louisiana-Monroe Warhawks in Kidd Brewer Stadium. Check time updates on the ASU football site.

www.appstatesports.com

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK & LIGHTING OF THE TOWN

Nov. 25 & Nov. 26
[BLOWING ROCK]

Head to Memorial Park for the annual free holiday event, which features a visit from Santa, games, carolers, hot chocolate, and the lighting of the town tree! Friday's events run from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., with the parade on Saturday, Nov. 26, at 2 p.m.

www.blowingrock.com

December

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

Dec. 3
[BANNER ELK]

Save the date for Banner Elk's all-day holiday event, which begins with a special Santa breakfast at Dunn's Deli and ends with a parade of lights at dusk. In between, take a train ride through luminary lights, visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, bake cookies, and create your own ornaments. Most activities are free.

www.bannerelk.org



Photo courtesy of Downtown Boone, NC

BOONE CHRISTMAS PARADE AND CELEBRATION

Dec. 3
[BOONE]

Continue on with the Christmas festivities in Boone. The parade, from 11 a.m. to noon, features decorated floats, local celebrities, dance troupes, and music. Grab a spot on King Street and enjoy a slice of small-town celebration.

www.downtownboonenc.com

SUGARFEST

Dec. 10 – Dec. 11
[SUGAR MOUNTAIN]

Experience a weekend of winter fun at Sugar Mountain Ski Resort. Demo the newest ski and snowboarding equipment, partake in the SugarFeast, which includes a hot chocolate and whipped cream bar, and enjoy live music, dancing, and drinks while you take in the fireworks. Oh, and hit the slopes while you're there.

www.seesugar.com

