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Boone, NC 28607

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ECHOTA'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



Echota News

Featured Properties at Echota



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LOOKING FOR A RENTAL?

Need some extra room for those friends and family visiting? You're in luck! We offer both longer-term rentals and vacation rentals throughout the Echota community. For more information and to learn how you can rent out your own property, call Foscoe Rentals at [800] 723-7341, or find them online at www.FoscoeRentals.com.

SUMMER & FALL DISCOUNTS AND DEALS

One of the many benefits of staying at Echota: the area deals, discounts, and more. Pay less for those Tweetsie tickets. Get admission discounts on attractions like Grandfather Mountain, Mystery Hill, and Linville Caverns. To see a list of current deals, check out www.FoscoeRentals.com.

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.



CHALAKEE CH-6

MLS #208599

Stunning top-floor 3-bedroom, 4-bath condo with loft in Chalakee, featuring gorgeous long-range layered mountain views. Exquisite upgrades, including wide-plank hand-scraped oak hardwood floor in the living areas and master bedroom, wood blinds, Nest remote thermostats, Phantom screens, stained back deck, and custom window treatments. Luxury kitchen boasts a double-bowl Italian farmhouse sink, granite countertops, stainless appliances—including a GE Profile five-burner gas stove and convection oven—tile backsplash, and custom cabinetry. Rustic timber-frame beams give the feel of mountain luxury in the vaulted ceilings, along with the stacked stone gas fireplace in the living area. *Offered at \$574,900.*



WINTERGREEN R721

MLS #208511

Elegant entry-level 2-bed, 2-bath condo at Echota on the Ridge offered furnished, minus a few exclusions. The open kitchen boasts custom cabinetry with new pulls, granite countertops, tile backsplash, and brand-new Samsung stainless steel appliances. The living and dining area is light and bright with lots of windows. Enjoy the peaceful mountains from the spacious master suite, which has access to the covered deck. The master suite also includes two closets and an adjoining master bath with ceramic tile flooring, updated vanity top, oil-rubbed-bronze fixtures and a tub/shower with sliding glass door. *Offered at \$319,900.*



EVERGREEN I412

MLS #208195

Bright 2-bedroom, 2-bathroom Evergreen in Echota with view of Grandfather Mountain! This nicely finished condo includes hardwood floors throughout the kitchen and living area, ceramic tile flooring in both bathrooms, tile shower in the guest bath, tasteful paint colors throughout, and a stainless refrigerator. The open kitchen has a convenient breakfast bar, and the living area features a dining space, stacked stone gas fireplace, and access to the covered deck. The master suite also has deck access, along with an adjoining master bath and two closets. The guest bedroom has its own bathroom, accessible through a pocket door. *Offered at \$224,900.*



BEAR RIDGE I2-A

MLS #207608

Stunning 3-bedroom, 2.5-bath townhome in Echota with a one-car garage! This home is situated on a corner with lush natural landscaping and rock outcroppings. The main level features hardwood flooring throughout, vaulted ceilings in the living area, stacked stone wood-burning fireplace, dining area with tongue-and-groove ceilings, an open kitchen with plenty of storage, and a tile backsplash, laundry room, and half bath. The master suite is also on the main level. It features wood floors, tongue-and-groove vaulted ceiling, and adjoining master bath with tile shower, oversize whirlpool tub, and tile floors. Both guest bedrooms and full guest bathroom with tub/shower combo are located upstairs. This home has been professionally decorated by Tatum Galleries and is being offered furnished, with just a few minor exclusions. *Offered at \$395,000.*



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COLORFUL CREATIONS

This summer and fall, check out the Chihuly glass exhibit at the Biltmore.

Looking for an exciting trip this summer? Our location makes it perfect to explore all the High Country offers, and you'll never go wrong with a day trip over to Asheville. From now until October, take in the Chihuly glass exhibit at the Biltmore house and gardens.

Famed artist Dale Chihuly creates colorful, intricate glassworks that make for truly stunning displays. And now through mid-fall, you can find his sculptures scattered throughout the Biltmore grounds and home. Go first thing in the morning to beat the crowds and the heat of the day, or get a special night pass and head to the Biltmore later in the evening to see Chihuly's works illuminated. You'll also find plenty of Chihuly souvenirs in the gift shop beside the

house. While you're at the Biltmore, take a house tour, swing by the winery and Antler Village, and drive around the grounds to catch a glimpse of the wildlife surrounding America's largest private home.

If you're headed into Asheville for lunch or dinner, grab some Southern fare at Tupelo Honey or Biscuit Head, or get your barbecue fix at 12 Bones Smokehouse or Luella's. From antique shops like Kress Emporium to independent bookshops (have a champagne cocktail as you peruse the collectible books at Battery Park Book Exchange), there's plenty of Asheville fun to be had.

And when the day is done, you always have a place back home at Echota.

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What's New at Echota?

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

Music, food, families. There was plenty of fun at the annual Independence Day Celebration!

Once again, Echota hosted the annual Independence Day Celebration to great success. We enjoyed celebrating this beautiful country, and our own little slice of majestic mountains. This is the 17th year we've gathered together to fete the Fourth!

And in addition to plenty of cool tunes provided by the fantastic new band Blue Country, delicious barbecued meats, icy-cold drinks, and family-friendly activities, we absolutely loved watching our Echota owners mingle. While we take great pride in our communities, it's the people who are the heart of Echota. So, from the bottom of ours, thanks for another fantastic year!



Living in the High Country



Summertime Trivia

Did you know these facts about our great state?

- The subject of “Whistler’s Mother” (Anna McNeill Whistler) was born in Wilmington.
- Pepsi was actually developed in New Bern. Originally introduced in 1893, the drink was first called Brad’s Drink and later changed to reflect the drink’s ingredients.
- Carrabus County (outside Charlotte) was actually the site of the first gold rush, before California. The first gold nugget was found in Reed Mine in 1799.
- Our state is the largest producer of furniture, brick and textiles, and tobacco in the United States.
- Historians think the state got its Tar Heel nickname because North Carolina workers used to sell turpentine, tar, and pitch from longleaf pine trees for use in wooden shipbuilding. Other nicknames are the Old North State, the Land of the Sky, and the Rip Van Winkle State.
- A Fayetteville resident created putt-putt golf in 1954.
- Though Babe Ruth was born in Baltimore, he hit his first professional home run in Fayetteville.
- In 1937, Vernon Rudolph established a Winston-Salem business. Its name? Krispy Kreme doughnuts.

WHAT’S THE ANGLE?

Drop your line at one of the High Country’s many fishing spots.

Placid lakes so still their glassy surface mirrors the sky above. Cool water sluicing through the moss-slicked rocks of streams. Green rivers with lush, grassy banks. The High Country may be situated away from the coast, but we don’t need the Atlantic Ocean here; water still abounds with our picturesque rivers, lakes, creeks, streams, and ponds.

And lurking just beneath the surface of those bodies of water? An underwater paradise brimming with fish—an angler’s dream. So this summer, why not grab your pole, hitch up your waders, and cast out your line? Smallmouth bass, rainbow trout, and bluegill are just a few of the many fish species found in the rivers, lakes, and streams of the High Country.

And whether you’re a novice or an experienced angler, the area has plenty of experts who can help you hone your fly-fishing cast or take you to the best spots for biting fish.

WATAUGA RIVER FLY SHOP (formerly Watauga River Anglers) in Vilas provides a wealth of information and fishing needs. From their large fly selection to guided wade and float trips, the shop is near public and private managed trout waters — with rainbow, brook and brown species.

More Info: www.wrflyshop.com

Just down the road in Todd, **RIVERGIRL FISHING CO.** was founded by fisheries biologist Kelly McCoy. Learn all of Kelly’s tricks and tips either on the New River or in the shop. Guests can even take classes to learn fly-tying and rod-building skills.

More Info: www.rivergirlfishing.com

FOSCOE FISHING COMPANY is the only Orvis-endorsed fly-fishing outfitter and guide service in the High Country. Foscoe offers a variety of full- and half-day wade and float trips, as well as a full lineup of gear, and classes.

More Info: www.foscoefishing.com

No matter where you go, don’t forget your fishing license, available at most outfitters.

Meet the Neighbors: Echota’s Newest Owners!

When we spoke with Suzi and Mike Kinter, they were in the middle of a big move, downsizing from their home in Tierra Verde, Florida, to a smaller place in the Palmetto area. That move comes on the heels of their other big transition: In April, the Kinters closed on their Echota on the Ridge three-bedroom, three-bathroom condo.

They were looking for two things: “Something peaceful and cool,” says Suzi. And by cool, she’s referring to the temperature (though Echota isn’t short on cool amenities either).

“We checked all the areas in North Carolina and wanted the coolest temperature we could find,” she says. “It’s all about elevation.”

The couple both recently retired, Mike as a pharmacist, Suzi as a pediatric RN and health

coach. “We needed some cool in the summer months,” Suzi adds.

The active couple love to run and bike. She plays tennis, and he enjoys golf. “We found some really cool biking north of Boone and Banner Elk—the Virginia Creeper Trail and the New River Trail,” she says.

And with ample room in their new Echota home, the couple will be joined by their three sons when possible, Chris, 28, Kevin, 26, and Brian, 25—all avid snow skiers.

The Kinters’ end unit has already afforded them the peace—and the cool—they crave. “We were here for two weeks recently, and all we heard was the sounds of birds chirping,” Suzi says. “It’s just so peaceful.”



Photo courtesy of the Kinters

Events

Late summer and early fall happenings in the High Country!



July



Photo courtesy of French Grimes

ASHE COUNTY QUILT FAIR

JULY 27–28
[WEST JEFFERSON]

New location at Ashe County High School. Find raffles, demonstrations, and, of course, plenty of quilts!

www.ashequilters.org

HICKORY FURNITURE MART FURNITURE FESTIVAL

JULY 27–29
[HICKORY]

Looking for some new furnishings for your mountain home? It's well worth the drive to find deals a'plenty. Visitors also can interact with regional craftsmen and artisans on-site.

www.hickoryfurniture.com/visit/events

BODYTRAFFIC

JULY 28
[BOONE]

Head to the Schaefer Center for the Performing Arts at ASU for a breathtaking display of contemporary dance performances.

www.appsummer.org/schedule/id/bodytraffic

August

ART & ANTIQUES

AUG. 2–5
[BLOWING ROCK]

Blowing Rock Art & History Museum features East Coast vendors offering everything from porcelain, fine arts, and antique furniture to folk art, jewelry, and silver.

www.blowingrockmuseum.org

CRAFTS ON THE GREEN

AUG. 4
[BEECH MOUNTAIN]

Head to Fred's General Mercantile for handmade crafts from more than 40 artists, along with live music and plenty of food.

www.beechmtn.com

ENSEMBLE STAGE WEEKEND COMEDY

AUG. 17–25
[BANNER ELK]

Take in the comedy of errors, life, and love onstage at the Historic Banner Elk School, each evening at 7:30.

www.ensemblestage.com

September

BANNER ELK MUSIC IN THE PARK

JUNE–SEPT. 27
[BANNER ELK]

Bring your chairs to Tate Evans Park each Thursday for an eclectic lineup of music, along with on-site food and drink vendors.

www.bannerelk.org

ROCKFEST

SEPT. 1–2
[LITTLE SWITZERLAND]

Head to Emerald Village for mine tours, a treasure hunt, guided hidden mine hikes, and more!

www.emeraldvillage.com

MILE HIGH KITE FESTIVAL

SEPT. 1–2
[BEECH MOUNTAIN]

Catch a breeze and fly a kite at the annual festival. Kite clubs are on hand to demonstrate flying techniques and help visitors build their own kites.

www.highcountry.guide/labor-day-weekend-at-the-mile-high-kite-festival/

JUNIOR RANGER DAY

SEPT. 8
[GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN]

Celebrate the park's Junior Ranger program with plenty of nature activities for ages 5 to 12. Receive a badge and completion certificate at the end!

grandfather.com/events/junior-ranger-day/

ART IN THE PARK

SEPT. 8
[BLOWING ROCK]

Partake in the annual event, which brings together local and regional artists and craftspeople showcasing handcrafted jewelry, pottery, fiber, glass, photography, and painting.

blowingrock.com/artinthepark

BLOWING ROCK MUSIC FESTIVAL

SEPT. 15
[BLOWING ROCK]

The site: The Blowing Rock. The entertainers: The Harris Brothers, Shelby Rae Moore, Soul Benefactor, Wayne Euliss as Elvis, and many more. Admission is \$30 to \$45.

www.theblowingrock.com

STICK BOY MAYVIEW MADNESS 5K

SEPT. 22
[BLOWING ROCK]

This annual run through local neighborhoods benefits the Blue Ridge Conservancy.

www.blueridgeconservancy.org

NATIONAL ALPACA FARM DAYS

SEPT. 29–30
[BANNER ELK]

Take a tour of Apple Hill Farm, and see the new animals and products. Tours run on the hour every hour throughout the day. Special tour rate is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4 to 10, and free for children 3 and under.

applehillfarmnc.com

Photo courtesy of Apple Hill Farm

