**Our Owner Favorites Continue: Summer Festivities We Love!**

*With warm weather comes outdoor music, festival fun, and more opportunities to know your Echota neighbors.*

Back by popular demand for a third year, Echota’s Backyard Music Series kicks off Saturday, June 13 with Soul Benefactor, an owner favorite that delights with its Motown style. Live outdoor music begins at 4 p.m. at Chalakee. Appalachian Mountain Brewery will be on hand selling craft beers, wine, and other beverages.

Bring your friends, bring your lawn chairs and blankets, and meet some of your High Country neighbors!

The Backyard Music Series will continue monthly on the second Saturday all the way through October. The rain location will be the Echota on the Ridge Clubhouse.

Echota will also be hosting its 14th Annual Independence Day Celebration on Saturday, July 4th, with its traditional parade (festively dress your pets and yourself!), party, and community food drive.

In addition, we also plan to hold another special Discover Echota Weekend this summer. Our Fall 2014 Discovery Weekend was a “flying” success with its fly fishing clinic and wine tasting, giving potential Echota owners a chance to experience our mountain community and meet the owners who already live and play here.

To stay on top of all future events, check EchotaNC.com and be sure to like Echota on Facebook. Please email Leah Grove at lgrove@foscoecompanies.com to be included on the email list for all events.

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**What’s New at Echota?**

**Show your love of your High Country home with new Echota merchandise!**

Come down to the Sales Office to check out our new Echota merchandise for sale. We have a variety of products, including youth and adult logo T-shirts, short and long sleeve Comfort Colors T-shirts, crewneck sweatshirts, hoodies with embroidered logo, Nike Wind Jackets, Nike Golf Caps and the always popular Spirit Jersey.

Sizes range from XS to XL, and prices start at $10. All proceeds from the sale of merchandise will be donated to the High Country Conservancy.

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While the Blue Ridge Parkway stretches 469 miles from Shenandoah National Park in Virginia to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, here in the High Country we enjoy some of this famous drive’s most scenic miles. Only minutes from our doorstep is the International Biosphere Reserve at Grandfather Mountain and the man-made wonder of the Linn Cove Viaduct.

If you haven’t explored the Parkway in a while or are new to the area, here’s our recommended day trip loop:

1. Hop on the Parkway at Blowing Rock, and head south to Moses H. Cone Memorial Park (Milepost 294), where you can explore the Parkway Craft Center, located inside the former Cone Mansion, or walk the park’s 25 miles of carriage trails.

2. Next stop is Julian Price Memorial Park (Mileposts 296-297), where you can rent a canoe and explore the lake or walk the rhododendron-laden Price Lake Trail.

3. Continue south for a drive along the Linn Cove Viaduct, a double-S-curve elevated bridge that curls around Grandfather Mountain. An engineering wonder, you can learn about its construction at the Linn Cove Viaduct Visitor Center (Milepost 304.8), or hike a portion of the Tanawha Trail (Rough Ridge to Wilson Creek) to see a spectacular view of the bridge from above.

4. Just beyond the Viaduct, you can hop off the Parkway for a side trip to Grandfather Mountain, and walk the Mile-High Swinging Bridge, feed the black bears at the Wildlife Habitat, or hike the nature park’s many trails.

5. If you’ve still got the energy after all this exploring, opt for a hike to Linville Falls (Milepost 316.4) for stunning waterfall and gorge views. Then head back to Echota via Linville.

For more Blue Ridge Parkway information, visit www.nps.gov/blri.

Foscoe Rentals is now offering long-term property management along with vacation rentals. Heather Lyons, rentals manager, says she has a waiting list of prospective renters looking for long-term leases in our community. Many of those are Appalachian State University faculty and coaches.

“I only have 22 properties offering long-term rentals now,” Heather says, and she’d definitely like to see more. She encourages homeowners who aren’t using their Echota residences frequently to consider a long-term lease for passive income. “We have a thorough rental application and background check before we approve long-term renters,” she notes.

And don’t forget that if you have extra family or friends visiting the High Country or you need more space to lodge friends attending an event or wedding, consider renting with Foscoe Rentals. Also take advantage of discounted tickets to High Country attractions available to Echota owners and Foscoe Rentals’ guests.

Visit www.FoscoeRentals.com for more information or contact Heather directly at (800) 723-7341 or heather@foscoecompanies.com.

Meet the Neighbors

Mike and Kathy Delgatti

When Mike and Kathy Delgatti searched for a vacation home, they wanted something near their primary residence in Hickory, N.C. “We love the mountains, especially Blowing Rock and the Boone area,” says Kathy. “You can drive an hour away and feel like you’re in a different world.”

So when they began looking for a vacation home in the area, Echota more than suited their needs and exceeded their expectations. “We loved the architecture, the construction quality, the amenities, and the idea of being able to ‘customize’ our home,” adds Mike, who closed on a three-bedroom Chalakee condo in January.

That last point is especially important to the Delgattis. Kathy, now a stay-at-home mom, was formerly a designer for Broyhill Furniture. Mike is president of Hooker Furniture Corporation in Martinsville, Va.

Location was a big selling point as well. “It’s only an hour from our home,” says Mike. “And the location is convenient to Banner Elk, Blowing Rock, and Boone.” It’s also close for the couple’s two children, Chase and Taylor. Chase, 21, is a finance major in his junior year at Appalachian State University, while 23-year-old Taylor attended High Point University.

Together, the family looks forward to taking advantage of all the area has to offer—outdoor activities, restaurants, and shopping. And it doesn’t hurt that Echota sits near Appalachian State University, adds Mike, whose family attends most of the games.
May

Downtown Boone Art Crawl
May 1, 2015 [Downtown Boone]
Enjoy the first Friday event with downtown shops, galleries, and businesses open late and offering refreshments, art, and live music.
[828] 268-6280

Art in the Park
May 9, 2015 [Blowing Rock American Legion Grounds]
This annual art and craft show features 90 artists.
[828] 295-7851

Naturalist Weekend
May 15-May 17, 2015 [Blowing Rock Town Tavern]
A collection of guided walks and programs to help visitors learn more about the diversity of the mountain.
For the schedule of the weekend, visit www.grandfather.com

Blowing Rock Farmers Market
May 28-October 15, 2015 [Downtown Blowing Rock]
Held every Thursday, rain or shine!

Nature Photography Weekend
May 29-May 31, 2015 [Grandfather Mountain]
Enjoy workshops from top nature photographers. Register online at www.grandfather.com.

June

The Gamekeeper Wine/Beer Tasting and Auction
June 3, 2015 [Camp Sky Ranch, Blowing Rock]
Hosted by the Blue Ridge Conservancy, the evening will be filled with delicious food, drinks, and auction items.
[828] 264-2511

Blowing Rock Charity Horse Show—Saddlebred
June 4-7, 2015 [Town of Blowing Rock]
Come experience the excitement of a Saddlebred horse show. This event has been one of Blowing Rock’s traditions since 1923.
[828] 295-4700

Downtown Boone Art Crawl
June 5, 2015 [Downtown Boone]
Enjoy the first Friday event with downtown shops, galleries, and businesses open late and offering refreshments, art, and live music.
[828] 268-6280

Art in the Park
June 13, 2015 [Downtown Blowing Rock]
This annual art and craft show features 90 artists.
[828] 295-7851

High Country Trolley Tour
June 25, 2015 [Bannack Elk]
Enjoy a ride on the trolley, while visiting local art galleries and attractions, as well as making stops at local wineries for tastings. Tickets cost $55 per person.
[828] 898-5605

July

Kids Fishing Derby
June 27, 2015 [Beech Mountain]
Compete in this annual event! Open to all children ages 4 to 12. No fishing license needed.
[828] 387-9283

4th of July Festival and Parade
July 4, 2015 [Downtown Blowing Rock]
An all-day event filled with games, music, and fun! Parade at 2 PM.
[828] 295-5222

Fireworks Extravaganza!
July 4, 2015 [Tweetsie Railroad]
[828] 264-9061
**Echota News**

**Congrats, Jay!**

Jay Harrill has successfully passed his North Carolina Real Estate Broker exam and will be joining the Echota Sales Team as a broker. Jay also manages our new drone, which he uses to create aerial videos and photos of Echota for use on our website and social media sites.

**Pool and Hot Tub Opening for the Season**

The outdoor pool and hot tub at the Echota on the Ridge Clubhouse will open for the season on May 1st.

**Marketing Update**

Be on the lookout for new Echota billboards and ads to kick off our 2015 marketing campaign. We’re also in the process of creating an interactive map that will be on the EchotaNC.com website.

**Save the Date for the 14th Annual Independence Day Celebration**

Saturday, July 4th. Join your friends and neighbors at the Echota Clubhouse to celebrate with live bluegrass music, Woodland’s BBQ, kid’s activities, and more! Contact Leah Grove lgrove@foscoecompanies.com or [828] 963-7600 with any questions. Invitation to follow.

**Featured Properties at Echota**

**Wintergreen R1212**

This two-bedroom, two-bathroom plus loft condo has breathtaking views of the East Tennessee Valley as well as Valle Crucis. The home features hardwood floors throughout the main living area, a stacked stone fireplace with custom mantel, an upgraded kitchen, and a large master suite with covered porch access. Offered at $275,900.

**Chalakee CE-5**

This brand new, three-bedroom, three-bathroom entry-level condo offers unbeatable views of Grandfather Mountain. The kitchen features custom cherry wood cabinetry, granite countertops, and stainless steel appliances. The oversized picture window and spacious covered porch with built-in grill brings the outside in! Offered at $444,900.

**Wintergreen R1532**

For the first time on the market, this luxury two-bedroom, two-bathroom condominium features a loft and more than $13,000 in upgrades. The home is furnished and move-in ready, and its open floorplan boasts vaulted ceilings, hardwood flooring, a stacked stone fireplace, and spacious deck with spectacular views. Offered at $310,000.

**Cedar Woods RH-4**

This three-bedroom, two-and-a-half-bathroom home offers incredible views of Grandfather Mountain and the Foscoe area. The kitchen features granite countertops, wormy chestnut cabinetry, and a beadboard breakfast bar. A vaulted ceiling with tongue-and-groove wood makes a beautiful setting for the home’s floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace. Offered at $399,900.

Experience four seasons of activity in the High Country with your own home away from home at Echota. For more details on the listings below or to learn about more properties for sale at Echota, call [800] 333-7601 or visit EchotaNC.com.