

The Brown Creek Soil and Water Conservation District would like to announce the opportunity for farmers to rent a no-till grass drill for use in the surrounding area. This drill allows for pastures to be reseeded without excessive ground disturbance, which in turn can reduce the risk of erosion and protect water quality. Wildlife food plots can also be established using this equipment. Local farmers can rent the drill at a rate of \$10 per acre within Anson County, or \$15 per acre in surrounding counties. All proceeds from this program will stay in the district and be used for maintenance and operation of the drill. It is recommended that the drill be used with at least a 40 horsepower tractor, and cover an area no larger than 20 acres. Please contact Tina Rowell at (704) 694-3516 Ext. 3 for rental information.

One good cold snap and North Carolina winter sports resorts will open their slopes, rinks and tube runs to visitors eager for the season's first bracing run. With upgraded snowmaking and slope-grooming equipment, they're ready for four months of action on the highest ski peak east of the Rockies, the gentlest of beginner slopes and everything in between. Opening day typically falls a week or so before Thanksgiving. By the time Santa makes his holiday run, Mother Nature should be going full blast with the resorts' Super Pole Cats and other snow guns adding powder as needed. January is National Learn to Ski and Snowboard Month, the perfect time for those want to learn the basics or advance their skills. Beech Mountain Resort received the National Ski Areas Association award for 2013's Best Learn to Ski and Snowboard Month Campaign. North Carolina is home to six full-service ski areas with 89 slopes for all abilities, from beginner to Double Black Diamond, as well as freestyle terrain parks, ice skating, tubing and more. With the coldest climates and highest elevations in the South, the western mountains have become a regional destination for winter sports. Temperatures drop 3 to 4 degrees for every 1,000-foot rise in elevation, so ski areas can often support snowmaking even when it's sweater weather at lower elevations. Frequent skiers can take advantage of the North Carolina Ski Areas Association Gold Card, an \$800 season pass at all ski areas regardless of weekend or holiday rates. Click www.goskinc.com/goldcard for details. North Carolina's ski season usually lasts until late March, providing a wintertime economic boost to local economies. According to a study on the 2009-2010 season commissioned by the Ski Areas Association, the overall economic value of the ski resort industry was \$146 million. The average expenditure per person per ski trip within North Carolina was \$131.70. Nearly half of the 672,000 ski visitors came from other states.

Here's a rundown on what awaits this season at North Carolina's ski areas and other winter sports resorts.

- **APPALACHIAN SKI MTN.**, Blowing Rock - At a glance: 27 acres of skiable terrain with 12 slopes and trails (three beginner, three intermediate, three advanced, three freestyle terrain areas). Peak elevation: 4,000 feet. Vertical drop: 365 feet. Longest run: 2,640 feet. Lifts include a double and two quads. Resort also features a Zamboni-maintained ice rink. New this year: Additional snowmaking on two slopes. Expanded schedule for Midnight Blast, the region's only late-night skiing and riding. Mark the calendar: Skiing with Santa, Dec. 24. Family Day, Feb. 17. Winter Meltdown Games, March 22-23. www.appskimtn.com, www.appterrainpark.com; 828-295-7828.
- **BEECH MOUNTAIN RESORT** - At a glance: 95 acres of skiable terrain with 15 slopes and trails (three beginner, six intermediate, four advanced, two freestyle terrain areas). Peak elevation: 5,506 feet — higher than any slope east of the Rockies. Vertical drop: 830 feet. Longest run: 1 mile. Lifts include four doubles, a quad and a high-speed quad with a panoramic vista. With a village ice rink and the Beech Mountain Adaptive Snowsports Center for kids and adults with disabilities. New this year: A glass-walled sky bar at the summit with food and beverage service. "Learn to Ski Month" offer with \$45 lesson/rental/lift ticket package. Continuous hours without session breaks: 9 am-9p m Sunday-Thursday; 9 am-10 pm Friday-Saturday and holidays. 12 new SMI Super PoleCat guns, upping the total to 40 added in the last four years. Mark the calendar: New Year's Eve Bash, Dec. 31. WinterFest Weekend, Jan. 10-12. Totally '80s Retro Ski Weekend, Feb. 21-23. www.beechmountainresort.com; 800-438-2093
- **CATALOOCHEE SKI AREA**, Maggie Valley - At a glance: 50 acres of skiable terrain with 17 slopes and trails (eight beginner, six intermediate, three advanced) and one freestyle terrain park. Peak elevation: 5,400 feet. Vertical drop: 740 feet. Longest run: 3,500 feet (Upper and Lower Snowbird). Lifts include a double, a triple and a quad. Area offers interscholastic and NASTAR recreational race programs. Nearby Tube World features a six-run tubing park and a Wee Bowl Snowplay Area. The Cataloochee Snow School includes an adaptive ski program for adults and children with disabilities. New this year: New tubing hill lane shaper. Large outdoor deck addition for increased seating capacity slopeside of lodge. New PistenBully groomer. \$10 off a regular lift ticket with current season pass from any other area. Mark the calendar: Ski and Ride with Santa, Dec. 25. Military Appreciation Days, Jan. 23-24; Law Enforcement Appreciation Days, Feb. 6-7; Fire and Rescue Appreciation Days, Feb. 20-21. www.cataloochee.com; 828-926-0285.
- **SAPPHIRE VALLEY SKI AREA** - At a glance: 8 acres of skiable terrain with two trails (one beginner, one intermediate). Peak elevation: 3,780 feet. Vertical drop: 200 feet. Longest run: 1,600 feet. Quad lift for the main run. New this year: The Frozen Falls Tube Park, a 500-foot run with a 60-foot vertical drop, is newly rebuilt with multiple personal lanes and a more efficient carpet lift. Mark the calendar: Great Sapphire Outhouse Races, Feb. 15. www.skisapphirevalley.com, 828-743-7663.
- **SUGAR MOUNTAIN RESORT** - At a glance: 115 acres of skiable area with 20 slopes and trails (seven beginner, nine intermediate, three advanced, one freestyle terrain area). Peak elevation: 5,300 feet. Vertical drop: 1,200 feet. Longest run: 1.5 miles. Lifts include four doubles and one triple. With a 700-foot, multilane tube run; ice skating; guided snowshoe tour; and public racing program. New this year: Newly replaced snowmaking pipes on the Big Red slope and added hydrants to cover the Big Red slope quicker. Sugar Mountain Resort is in the process of cutting a new slope that will be ready for the 2014-15 season. Mark the calendar: Santa at Sugar, on the slopes Dec. 14-24. SugarFest 2013, with Olympic Figure Skating Silver Medalist Paul Wylie and friends, Olympic Alpine Skiing Gold Medalist, Diann Roffe Dec. 13-15. www.skisugar.com; 828-898-4521.
- **WOLF RIDGE SKI RESORT**, Mars Hill - At a glance: 72 acres of skiable terrain with 22 slopes and trails (11 beginner, eight intermediate, three advanced) and a terrain park. Peak elevation: 4,700 feet. Vertical drop: 700 feet. Longest run: 3,700 feet. Lifts include two quads, two doubles and a magic carpet. With a tube run just outside the resort. www.skiwolfridgenc.com, 828-689-4111.

More Winter Play

- **HAWKSNEST SNOW TUBING AND ZIPLINE COURSE**, Seven Devils - Hawksnest Resort is a family-friendly winter area that's home to the largest snow tubing park on the East Coast as well as the longest zipline tour in the nation. The tubing park is comprised of four areas and more than 20 lighted lanes ranging from 400 to 1,000 feet in length. The zipline course features 20 cables covering over four miles and is open year-round. 4 Mega zips over 1500 feet. www.hawksnesttubing.com, 828-963-6561, 800-822-4295.
- **JONAS RIDGE SNOW TUBING PARK** - Take your tube to the top of the hill and hold on for an exhilarating ride down one of the six lanes at Jonas Ridge Snow Tubing Park. After tubing, warm up inside by the fireplace or watch from an observation deck. The park also offers night tubing. www.jonasridgesnowtube.com, 828-733-4155.
- **MOONSHINE MOUNTAIN SNOW TUBING PARK**, Hendersonville - Moonshine Mountain features 500 feet of fun and allows trains of up to eight people, which other places forbid. www.moonshinemountain.com, 828-696-0333.
- **SCALY MOUNTAIN OUTDOOR CENTER** - Scaly Mountain offers year-round tubing with snow in the winter and artificial turf in the summer. The resort offers a separate slope for young tubers and also has a skating rink. www.scalymountain.com, 828-526-3737.
- **BEECH MOUNTAIN SLEDDING HILL** - The town of Beech Mountain maintains a free sledding hill for children 12 and younger (parents can ride with smaller children), next to Town Hall. A combination of natural and man-made snow keeps the conditions right. Plastic sleds are required. www.beechmtn.com, 828-387-9283. For more information on destinations, accommodations and trip planning go to VisitNC.com.

Bridge Makes a Difference for Players and Lilesville Elementary School

The Teacher's Bridge Club in Anson County occasionally puts down its cards and opens its wallets to donate monies for important causes. Recently the club made a donation to Lilesville Elementary School to assist with students' needs. Members of the Teacher's Bridge Club are Harriette Brower, Sara Faulkner, Nancy Getsinger, Jacqueline Huntley, Frances Landen, Ellen Parker, Emily Patterson, Doris Smith and Ann Wallace.

Needed
FULL & PART TIME
EMPLOYEES
Housekeeping
C.N.A. / Med Tech.
Dietary

MEADOWVIEW TERRACE
ASSISTED LIVING

Apply in Person - No Phone Calls
 123 Anson High School Road
 Wadesboro

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Spring
2014
Registration

Come to campus to enroll in classes.
No appointment necessary.

Saturday, Jan. 4
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 6
 Tuesday, Jan. 7
 Wednesday, Jan. 8
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

First Day of Class is Thursday, Jan. 9
Start here...Go anywhere!

L.L. Polk Campus
 680 Hwy. 74, Polkton

Old Charlotte Highway Campus
 4209 Old Charlotte Highway, Monroe

www.spcc.edu
704-272-5391
 admissions@spcc.edu

DELINQUENT ANSON COUNTY TAXES

The property list below is of very delinquent taxpayers who must make immediate payment to save their parcel(s) from tax foreclosure. The list will be sent to the Kania Law Firm of Asheville, NC for process.

Please make payment in full to:
Anson County Tax Collector's Office
101 South Greene Street
Wadesboro, NC 28170

You may call the Tax Collector at 704-994-3218, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ONER POPLIN HEIRS	05-7415-00-17-8477	2004-2013	24.20 Acres	\$4793.93
PLAY & WASH LAUNDRY	04-6445-05-08-2275	2011-2013	.78 Acres	\$4330.08
DOZENE PHILLIPS HEIRS	07-6474-11-56-3627	2004-2013	1 Lot	\$3148.52
BETTIE FLAKE HEIRS	07-6474-11-57-2056	2004-2013	1 Lot	\$965.35
BETTIE LUTHER JOHNSON	07-6474-11-57-2202	2004-2013	1 Lot	\$3342.17
KENDRICK LILES	07-6475-20-80-7404	2006-2013	1 Lot	\$1198.75
JEREL CLARK	07-6475-20-80-6680	2004-2013	6 Lots	\$1032.47
CATHERINE INGRAM	07-6475-20-80-6636	2005-2013	2 Lots	\$2048.55
JASPER PARKER	07-6463-04-93-0492	2007-2013	1.2 Acres	\$2753.97
SANDRA NORTON	06-6389-00-90-8925	2006-2013	1 acre	\$1394.08
DORIS NORTHCUTT	07-6474-12-95-4128	2009-2013	1 Lot	\$10,481.90
NC SEVEN LLC	06-6490-16-94-7861	2011-2013	1 Lot	\$1033.94
A T NIVENS	04-6425-17-11-4395	2004-2013	2.85 Acres	\$1026.91
W H KNOTTS	05-7423-00-82-4331	2008-2013	21.23 Acres	\$2475.16
W H KNOTTS	06-6490-12-96-6557	2008-2013	1 Lot	\$5953.44
AUDREY J JONES	07-6474-11-65-8728	2004-2013	1 Lot	\$3064.53
SANDRA SMITH	07-6464-00-62-4291	2005-2013	1.4 Acres	\$7348.61
JESSE JAMES CAMPBELL	03-6379-00-28-2784	2010-2013	12.3 Acres	\$2420.08
ALLEN MITCHELL DAVIS	04-6424-00-97-9672	2002-2013	28.46 Acres	\$5635.02
ALLEN MITCHELL DAVIS	04-6424-00-89-7476	2009-2013	5.0 Acres	\$651.11
SHAWNA MORENO	07-6476-00-35-8885	2009-2013	1.96 Acres	\$1980.57