



Chilhowie Community Apple Festival

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To: All Participants and Visitors,

Welcome to the 68th Chilhowie Community Apple Festival. The 2022 Festival's Theme is "Valley of Many Deer".

The name of our town, Chilhowie (Chil•how•ee), is a Cherokee word meaning "Valley of Many Deer". Chilhowie was adopted as the town's name when the town incorporated in 1913. Previously, during the town's stagecoach days, the community was known simply as TownHouse. After the railroad was built in 1856 the town was referred to as Greever's Switch. This was a reference to the name of the first Station Master and to the mechanical switch that allowed freight cars to be moved to a side track for the unloading and loading of freight.

The literal meaning of the town's name, "Valley of Many Deer" was chosen as the festival theme because it gives us an opportunity to share another aspect of our town's heritage with residents and visitors. The name of our festival already pays homage to the legacy of the apple orchards that once blanketed the hills surrounding the town. For 68 years the festival has showcased our town and Southwest Virginia. We look forward to continuing this into the future.

We hope that you enjoy visiting our festival and our community. We look forward to seeing you again at the next Chilhowie Community Apple Festival.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Wilkinson-Smith
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Chilhowie Community Apple Festival Co-Presidents