

Chilhowie Community Apple Festival

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To: All Participants and Visitors,

Welcome to the 69th Chilhowie Community Apple Festival. The theme of this year's festival is "Love Where You Live" and we do.

Southwest Virginia, the Appalachian Mountains, the Holston River Valley, Rural America. All of these describe where we live. They also describe desirable destinations for those that do not live here.

We often do not appreciate all that our area has to offer. We take it for granted because we have always lived here and do not have the perspective of seeing it through the eyes of someone who is experiencing it for the first time. The breathtaking beauty of the mountains, the abundant wildlife, the numerous rivers and lakes, the forests and hiking trails, the access to local produce and meats, our caring neighbors, several generations of families on family land, the continuing community traditions, and vision and planning for a sustainable future. As Dorothy said, "There is no place like home."

We are proud to share our "home" with all of our festival participants and visitors. We hope that you too will find a love for our "home". Please enjoy all of the experiences that our area offers, including but not limited to our varied festival events. We are pleased to have you as our guests this year and look forward to seeing you again at the next Chilhowie Community Apple Festival.

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

