





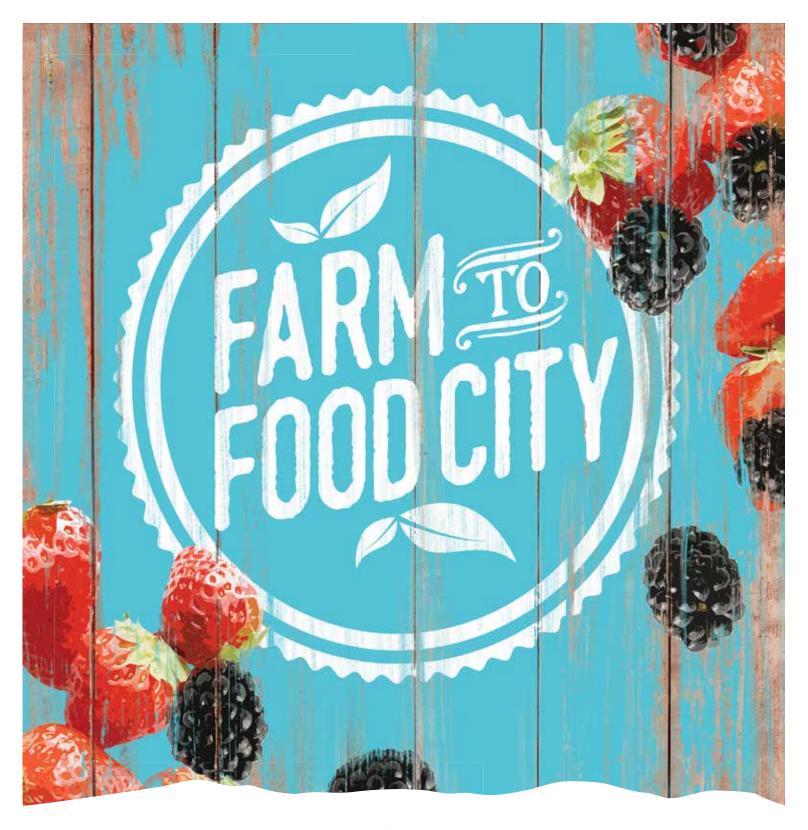
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COVER ART ARTIST AND BROCHURE DESIGNER BIOGRAPHIES

This year's brochure and catalog featured artwork created by Debbi Martin. Debbi is a native of Chilhowie, Virginia. After graduating from Chilhowie High School in '85, she earned her college degrees from the Art Institute of Atlanta ('87) and Emory & Debbi has been teaching high school art for over 28 years: first at Pulaski County High School and currently at Virginia High in Bristol. Her work has won Best In Show at the 2017 Virginia Highlands Festival; appeared in Colored Pencil Monthly magazine; been featured on merchandise for the official website of Zenyatta, the 2010 Thoroughbred Horse of the Year; and she created the logo for CDA Racing Stables in California. She hopes to retire from teaching in a couple more years and to finally be able to focus on needle felting, a craft she picked up during the pandemic after making her mother a needle felted chipmunk for her birthday. This year's brochure art featured apples in a circular design with a quilted texture. The catalog cover illustration was guided by input from the Apple Festival committee which wanted to showcase the traditional Appalachian crafts that have influenced the evolution of the Apple Festival over the past 70 years.

The Apple Festival brochure was designed by Brayden Havens using Debbi Martin's artwork. Brayden is a sophomore at Northwood High School where he is a member of the football team. As a freshman, he took a class at NHS called Design, Multimedia & Webtech. It was in that class where Brayden designed the winning brochure for the 2024 Apple Festival as part of a class project competition.

CHILHOWIE COMMUNITY APPLE FESTIVAL

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DEAR PARTICIPANTS AND FESTIVAL VISITORS,

Welcome to the 2024 Chilhowie Community Apple Festival, Our Platinum Anniversary - 70th Annual Festival. We are happy to have you come celebrate with us. The following are highlights of the past 70 years of Chilhowie Community Apple Festival and Apple Festival Committee history.

The Chilhowie Community Apple Festival had its beginning on a dreary rainy night in March of 1953. A group of young men got together for the purpose of discussing the possibilities of improving the town of Chilhowie. During the evening, they decided to organize the Chilhowie Junior Chamber of Commerce. This organization received its Charter on April 21, 1953.

During the spring of the same year, some of these members visited the Apple Blossom Festival in Winchester, Virginia. They returned to Chilhowie and suggested that they stage a festival and pay tribute to the apple, rather than the blossom. This would be most appropriate since Chilhowie was the second largest apple producing center in Virginia for which Bonham Brothers and Duncan Orchards were the producers. Thus, plans and ideas developed for the beginning of the Chilhowie Apple Festival. The first festival was held on October 2, 1953 on the grounds of the Old Chilhowie High School. Crowds, far larger than anticipated, attended that year's events. It was estimated that 10,000 persons viewed the first parade!

The Festival continued to grow beyond what one club could manage. Therefore, in 1965, other civic clubs joined in, and the name was changed to the Chilhowie Community Apple Festival. The aspirations of the new board were the same as the original board to strive to have a Festival for which the town and surrounding communities could be proud. In the 1980s, weather-related crop losses and the deaths of the leaders of the Bonham family combined to cause a decline in the once booming Bonson's Apple business, dealing a blow to the apple industry in Chilhowie. The Duncan Orchard continued for several years more, but closed earlier this century.

The event was, and has continued to be, family and community oriented with activities for everyone. Over the years, various forms of entertainment have been a part of the Festival. The Entertainment has included: skydiving exhibitions, performances by professional square dancers, cloggers, and musical entertainers; a Model T car comedy, motorcycle rider show, hot air balloons, as well as pony and horse shows. Past public participation events were: tractor driving contests, talent shows, square dances, baby shows, sock hops, street dances, Kids Day activities, apple peeling contests, bike races, and barbecued chicken dinners. Regular events occurring during each Festival are: the beauty pageant, agricultural and crafts fair, pet show, parade, high school band competition, craft and commercial vendors, the food court, and a gospel sing.

The funds raised by the Apple Festival Committee have been used to pay for worthwhile projects which benefit the community. The Festival has made monetary contributions to the Town, schools, and community. Contributions have been made to band directors for band trips and uniforms, to Project Graduation, to schools for the purchase of equipment, to Chilhowie Elementary School for Williamsburg trips, to the Chilhowie Library for children's programs, to the Old High School Renovations Committee for many renovations, and to fire and rescue squads. The Festival Committee shared the cost with the Town for the stage at the community Park and for the street Christmas lights. Santa Claus, Christmas treats, and community lighted Christmas trees were a

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The band competition was the main source of revenue for the festival committee which enabled the committee to make those significant contributions back to the community. Over the years, many of the member civic clubs that supported the festival and supplied many of the numerous necessary volunteers disbanded as their memberships waned. The loss of the civic clubs greatly reduced the number of volunteers available to meet the festival's responsibilities. Due to the lack of festival committee volunteers, the Chilhowie High School Band Director, band students, and Band Boosters had assumed most of the responsibilities of the band competition. Once again, the festival committee had to adapt in order to ensure the continued survival of the festival. In 2013, because of the lack of volunteers and other circumstances, the decision was made to turn the Band Competition aspect of the festival over to the CHS Band Director and Boosters. (This has become their main fundraiser to pay for their bus fuel and drivers, uniforms, and music).

The Town of Chilhowie and the Apple Festival Committee have partnership in planning and executing the festival events. The Town of Chilhowie contributes public works, fire, and police personnel and services. They also provide other municipal services such as obtaining permits and coordination of services. The Apple Festival Committee volunteers plan and coordinate all of the festival activities: exhibits, craft and vendor booths, food court vendors, entertainment, parade and float judging, cruise in, pet show, and all related activities. These are then executed by committee and community volunteers.

Even with the Town's contributions, because the committee's sources of earned income are now limited to the sales in the committee's drink stand in the food court, vendor booth fees, and train ride tickets sales, the annual festival income is not sufficient to cover the costs of a single year's festival. Without our generous sponsors the festival could not continue. As we celebrate our Platinum Anniversary of 70 Years of the Chilhowie Apple Festival, we thank our sponsors for their sustained support. This unwavering support from the community will enable us to provide this extraordinary annual event for Chilhowie and the surrounding communities for years to come.

We hope that you are enjoying this year's festival. Please patronize our sponsors, and join us again next year for the 2025 Chilhowie Community Apple Festival, September 26-28, 2025. Safe travels.

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



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Greeting to Participants and Visitors of the 2024 Apple Festival:

On behalf of the Town Council, Employees and Citizens of the Town of Chilhowie, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2024 Chilhowie Community Apple Festival. Let the Festival begin!

The theme of the Festival this year is "Apple-Lachian Traditions". The Festival, which began in 1953, is a rich celebration of our heritage including arts and crafts, a beauty pageant, exhibits, grand parade, band competition, live music and many other activities.

We are very excited about what the Town has been able to accomplish, working together as a team, the last couple of years! Our Fire Department has achieved a Class 3 Public Protection Classification, the second highest of any department west of Salem. Our EMS provides professional, responsive service to the Town and the County. Our Police Department is among the best staffed, equipped and professional in the Commonwealth. Our Finance Department operates in a very efficient manner, Our Public Works Department maintains and operates a large multi-regional water and sewer utility system serving thousands of persons in not only the Town of Chilhowie but in Smyth and Washington Counties. Our recreation department provides a full venue of activities and offers a "Concerts in the Park" concert series at the Chilhowie Recreation Park.

We have completed our \$1.3 million Downtown Revitalization Project, and the results can be readily seen. Our \$3.5 million Regional Water Treatment Plant Project with Washington County is completed assuring safe, potable water for our and Washington County's customers. The \$500,000 East Lee Highway Pedestrian II Project has been completed by extending the sidewalk from Church Avenue to Walton Avenue, crossing Highway I I and connecting to the Downtown area. Our beautiful Will Walker Farmers Market at Lucas Dowell Memorial Park hosts thousands of visitors each year. The construction of the Dog Park is complete as well as the Splash Pad Project. We are excited about what we have accomplished and look to the future with renewed optimism!

We are also fortunate to have all the dedicated and hardworking volunteers who make the 2024 Chilhowie Community Apple Festival possible again!

With Kind Regards.

Mayor Gary L. Heninger



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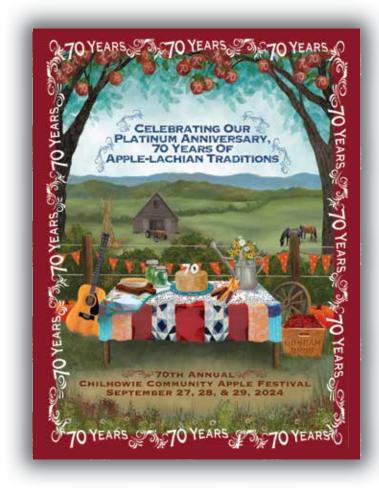


CATALOG DEDICATION

When tragedies occur their effects are far reaching regardless of where they occur, but their effects are magnified in small towns and close knit communities. Lives are so intricately intertwined that there are few individuals that are not in some way impacted when lives are lost or altered. Even if one does not know the individual personally, someone in their family does or they know a member of the affected individual's family. You or someone in your family went to school with them, worked with them, or their family members, you attended the same church, you watched them play ball, they coached your child's team, you always saw them in the grocery store or the gas station.... The list goes on. There is a connectedness here in small town America that you do not find anywhere else.

Just as the tragedy impacts the entire community, so does the desire to help, to "try to make it right", "to do what you can". The community unites with one spirit and a common goal. It heals itself through the pursuit of this purpose by supporting the individual's families and each other while working to lessen the impact of the tragedy. The community becomes closer and stronger and demonstrates to the rest of the world that small town America knows how to truly love your neighbor.

On Friday Aug 9, 2024, tragedy struck in our community, Hunter Reedy lost his life and Micheal Fedorchuk's was altered forever. As an acknowledgement of their sacrifices, we dedicate the 2024 Chilhowie Community Apple Festival catalog to the honor of Michael Fedorchuk and the memory of Hunter Reedy. Their biographies are on the pages that follow.







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HUNTER REEDY AND MICHEAL FEDORCHUK BIOGRAPHIES

Hunter Reedy graduated from Chilhowie High School in 2014. After graduation, he pursued further education in CDL and Electrical courses at the Trade School. Ultimately, he found his calling in law enforcement, beginning his career at the Southwest Regional Jail. At the age of 21, Hunter took the next step in his journey by enrolling in the Bristol Police Academy. Upon graduation, he served the Chilhowie community as a police officer before joining the Smyth County Sheriff's Department.

Known for his adventurous spirit, Hunter enjoyed racing at the Wythe Raceway with his Papaw McMahan, winning several feature races. He also tried his hand at bull riding! With a larger-than-life personality and an infectious laugh, Hunter was known for his outgoing nature and his willingness to help anyone in need. Above all, he treasured his family, especially his children, whom he considered the most important part of his life.





Micheal Fedorchuk was born in Hartsville, SC in January 1991. His family moved to Marion in July of the same year. Micheal attended Marion Senior High School where he graduated in 2009. In 2011 he moved to Staunton to be near his brother, Robert, who is a Virginia State Trooper. Micheal worked at Gold's Gym for a year before being hired at the Middle River Regional Jail in 2012. He moved back to Marion in 2015 and was hired at the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority's Abingdon Facility. After working there for two years Micheal was hired by the Chilhowie Police Department in 2016. In 2020, he was hired by the Smyth County Sheriff's Office where he is currently serving as a K9 handler with his partner, Copper.

MIcheal was wounded in the line of duty on August 9. 2024 while assisting Marion Police Department on a traffic stop. Micheal is a loving husband to his wife, Grace Fedorchuck, and their two daughters, Penelope and Palmer. He looks forward to being back at work with Copper.

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2024 PATRON SPONSORSHIPS



The Chilhowie Community Apple Festival Committee thanks all that support our festival through their sponsorships. We depend on the generosity of our sponsors in order to be able to produce a successful festival.

The Chilhowie Apple Festival is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization making contributions tax-deductible. With continued support, we will continue to host the annual Chilhowie Community Apple Festival. For 70 years the festival has showcased the traditions of our town and of Southwest Virginia. We want to be a part of passing these traditions on to our youth of today and of the future generations. We appreciate all who have supported the festival through their donations. Please patronize our sponsors.

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2024 PARADE MARSHALS

When the Festival had grown beyond what one club could manage, in 1965, other civic clubs joined in, and the name was changed to the Chilhowie Community Apple Festival. The aspirations of the new board were the same as the original board to strive to have a Festival for which the town and surrounding communities could be proud. Each club had members who represented the club on the festival board of directors. These representatives all signed the newly drawn up by-laws for the Newly Formed Chilhowie Community Apple Festival. The three remaining original signers of this document are our Community Apple Festival Parade Marshals.

They are Barbara Sturgill, Richard Walker, and Laura Etta Wilkinson. Thank you for helping us continue.

Below are some of the memories of past festivals that they shared with us.

Richard Walker was one of the representatives of the Seven Mile Ford Ruritan Club on the newly formed Chilhowie Community Apple Festival Committee. He is currently the oldest surviving member of that club. For many years the club entered a float in the parade competition.

Richard's favorite memory of past festivals is of any early float entry. It was a mule pulled float featuring local Ruritan members dressed in beauty pageant costumes. It was called" Seven Mile Ford Beauty Queen" and placed high in the competition. Richard was the driver of the mule team.

He says that on at least two occasions the Ruritan Club members made apple butter during the festival "to show the next generation how it was made historically".

Barbara Sturgill was a representative of another one of the other civic groups that joined in the formation of the Community Apple Festival Committee. She was the one of the Home Demonstration Club's representatives on the committee.

Barbara recalls several fond memories of past events at the festival. One of these is J.S. Walker's horse drawn wagon loaded with children going through the parade and then later through the neighborhoods. She also liked it when the Shriners brought their clowns and their miniature cars to participate in the parade.

When there was a Children and Youth Day on the Friday of the festival when the county schools were closed for all day parent teacher conferences, she enjoyed seeing all of the children competing in the various activities including the pet show. Barbara says she misses all of the fried apple pies that used to be for sale at almost every food booth and all of the different apple vendors. Overall though she enjoys the festival as it is now with new events and a variety of vendors.

Laura Etta Wilkinson was one of the representatives on the committee from the Chilhowie Garden Club. She says that her earliest memories of the festival are of the many bands that marched in the parade on Highway 11 and competed on the field at the Chilhowie High School football field. If they competed they had to march in the parade.

Laura Etta recalls the barbecue plates that the Young Farmers Club sold. They were so good. She said that originally the Apple Festival Committee manned the concession stand at the band competition. At that time the committee did everything. She said that Dixie Huff, a committee member, would make two huge pots of chili for the hotdogs.

Another committee member, Margaret Jones, mother of Sara Kegley, started the craft booths by advertising that people could sell handmade craft items at the festival. It started with just a few spaces beside the sidewalk adjacent to Lee Highway. Laura Etta remarked "Look what she started. We now have more requests for spaces than we have spaces."

Reflecting on the festival itself Laura Etta said that without the Bonham brothers who owned the orchards and the Jaycees who proposed it, the festival would not exist. She says that the Boham's would set up a huge display of varieties of apples in the Old HIgh School Gymnasium. It was very pretty and similar to the display on their apple float that they rode in the parade.

The Old High School was used as a school until 1990 when the Middle School addition was added to Chilhowie High School. In order to accommodate the increasing number of entries in the inside exhibits, Laura Etta says that they put long thin boards across the desk tops to create tables to display the items. Berry's provided the boards. The boys in the agriculture classes from the high school would help set everything up. Musical acts and other entertainment were held on the old football field which is now the little league field area

Laura Etta remarked that looking back you can see how far the festival has progressed and what the many volunteers have accomplished over the years. "Congratulations on the 70th anniversary. Chilhowie - a good place to live."

HONORARY PARADE MARSHAL

Angela Renee Mountain, 48, is an amazing daughter, sister, aunt, and friend who loves her community and neighbors. She attends and works at the Day Support program at the Industrial Development Center in Atkins. She is the Bowler of the Year for her age division for the State of Virginia in the Special Olympics Virginia Summer Games as a first time bowling competitor. Angela graduated with the Chilhowie High School Class of 1997. During any school year, you will find her at the various sporting events cheering on her favorite team, the Chilhowie Warriors.

She serves as an honorary cheerleader for the Chilhowie Warriors during football season. Angela is an athlete herself. She competes locally in the Area 10 Special Olympics every year. She is a multi-medal winner at the Special Olympics Virginia Summer Games where she has competed for 30+ years in track and field and, more recently, in bowling. She is also involved in clogging and lyrical dance with Crosswalk Arts. Angela is a member of Friendship Baptist Church in Glade Spring. She holds the responsibility of bell ringer, announcing the start of the church service to the community. In addition, she has held the role of "Mary" in the Nativity program for over 25 years.

Angela, affectionately known as "Angie," does not know a stranger. Everyone she meets is instantly lifted up with her smile and words of affirmation. Anyone spending time with Angela will soon find themselves filled with laughter.



CHILHOWIE COMMUNITY APPLE FESTIVAL 2024 OFFICERS

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Frances Buchanan (D)/Raymond Shuler(D)1989

Laura Etta Wilkinson/Raymond Shuler (D) 1990

Paul E. Sauls (D) 1986

Frances Buchanan (D) 1988

Laura Etta Wilkinson 1991

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MISS CHILHOWIE APPLE FESTIVAL 2023 MISS CADENCE HYLTON

Miss Chilhowie Apple Festival 2023 is 17 year old Cadence Grace Marie Hylton of Chilhowie, VA. She is the daughter of Neil Hylton and Kayla Fenner and Joe and Jessica Early. Cadence is a Chilhowie High School Varsity cheerleader for fall and winter sports. In addition to being a cheerleader she is also a senior counselor in 4H-where she mentors young boys and girls to aid with their growing personal, emotional, and academic needs. In line with her desire to help others she works as a lifeguard during the summer.

Cadence is an avid learner who is enrolled in dual credit English-Literature, British-literature, public speaking, and medical terminology. She confesses though that art is her favorite class because it allows her to use her creativity.

Fun fact: Cadence's great, great, grandfather, George Duncan, founded Duncan's Orchard, one of the two original apple orchards in Chilhowie. (Bonham Brothers' Orchard was the other.)



2023 MISS APPLE FESTIVAL AND HER COURT



Queen - Cadence Gracie Marie Hylton, 1st Runner-up - Allee Jackie Marie Blevins, 2nd Runner-up - Ella Grace Barr, 3rd Runner-up - Amber Dawn Huffman

2024 MISS APPLE FESTIVAL

The 2024 Miss Chilhowie Apple Festival Pageant will be held on Saturday Sep 21, 2024 in the auditorium of Chilhowie High School between the hours of 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm. Rehearsal will be on Saturday, September 14, 2024 in the Chilhowie HIgh School Auditorium. All entries must be received by or on the day of rehearsal. For more information and an application visit the Chilhowie Community Apple Festival facebook group or contact the pageant director at mrs.karlacampbell@gmail.com. The 2024 Miss Apple Festival Queen will be crowned at the Chilhowie High School Stadium on Saturday, Sep 28, 2024 at 11:30am, immediately after the parade and before the band competition.

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2023 CHILHOWIE APPLE FESTIVAL BEAUTY PAGEANT WINNERS





Queen: Ivy Mae Watson 1st Runner-Up: Lainey Noel Cole

2nd Runner-Up: Annaleigh Grace Allison 3rd Runner-Up: Wrenleigh Grace Gilley

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Queen: Hallie June Anderson

1st Runner-Up: Everlee Grace Rector 2nd Runner-Up: Elise Blakely Crigger

3rd Runner-Up: Lilly Ann Todd

4th Runner-Up: Breanne Chevenne Snead







TINY MISS

Queen: Emerie Renae Miller

1st Runner-Up : Brynlee Claire Overbay

(not pictured)

2nd Runner-Up: Opal Mabreigh Creasy 3rd Runner-Up : Abigail Renea Tenney 4th Runner-Up : Emma Grace Booher

2023 CHILHOWIE APPLE FESTIVAL BEAUTY PAGEANT WINNERS





Queen: Ava Grace Miller

1st Runner-Up : Layla Marybelle Chatham 2nd Runner-Up : Ella Grace Armstrong 3rd Runner-Up : Mallorie Renee Collins 4th Runner-Up : Penelope Elaine Ashby



PETITE MISS

Queen: Autumn Sage Moran

1st Runner-Up: Wrylee Naomi Tibbs 2nd Runner-Up: Elyn Dean Gilbert

3rd Runner-Up: Raygan Carita Rose Matney

4th Runner-Up: Addilynn Grace Rector







YOUNG MISS

Queen: Jeradyn Briealle Blevins

1st Runner-Up: Meliyah Faith Cooper 2ndRunner-Up: Nora Katherin Duble 3rd Runner-UP: Blakelee Mae Fore

4th Runner-Up : Madeline Brooke Tomlinson

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2023 CHILHOWIE APPLE FESTIVAL BEAUTY PAGEANT WINNERS





Queen: Paisley Harper Bolling

1st Runner-Up : Luci Counts

2nd Runner-Up: Karma Leann Miller 3rd Runner-Up: Rowan Harper Moss 4th Runner-Up: Alivia Chevelle Huffman



Queen: Lasnae Star Miller

1st Runner-Up : Baylee Gracie Baker 2nd Runner-Up : Nyla Ariana Bordwine 3rd Runner-Up : Catherine Marie Paschal 4th Runner-Up : Kayleigh Grace Addison



\$1,000 APPLE PIE CONTEST

This year the Apple Festival Committee is hosting an apple pie contest. The contest is being sponsored by a generous community member who desires to promote our apple heritage not only in this year's festival, but for years to come.

The grand prize is \$1000 for the best apple pie and its recipe. This is open to all members of the public except the families of the judges, Recipes should be authentic old fashioned apple pie recipes from great grandmothers or aunts that have been handed down for generations, not those found in Google or written by AI.

Pies will be judged on a specific set criteria including, but not limited to:

APPEARANCE TEXTURE **AROMA TASTE**

Recipes must accompany the pies when they are entered and the winning recipe becomes the property of the Chilhowie Apple Festival Committee and is not to be shared publicly with anyone by the winner. The validity of the recipe may be tested by a professional baker using the winning pie recipe to make a pie for comparison to the winning pie. Recipes must include the type of apple used in making the pie.

Pies will be judged by a panel of five judges.

The registration fee to enter the contest is \$1 payable at pre-registration or when the pie is entered.

ENTERING THE CONTEST

Pre-registration - Thursday, September 26th between 4:00 pm-7:00 pm at the Old High School

Entering of pies and event day registration - Saturday, September 28th between 8:00 am- 9:00 am prior to the Grand Parade at the Will Walkers Farmers Market and Community Pavilion. The recipe must accompany the pie.

Judging - Saturday, September 28th beginning at 12:00 pm after the Grand Parade at the Will Walker's Farmers Market and Community Pavilion

Awarding of the Prize Money- Saturday September 28th after the judging at the Will Walkers Farmers Market and Community Pavilion

For more information email: chilhowieapplefestival@gmail.com



FEDORCHUK FAMILY FUNDRAISER

The Chilhowie Community Apple Festival Committee felt that with the Bull Riding event benefiting the Reedy family, that we wanted to do something to also benefit the Fedorchuk family. We understand that a portion of a deputy's working hours and therefore pay comes from hours worked on the interstate making traffic stops. That is currently not an option for deputy Micheal Fedorchuk. We want to help lessen the burden of financial stress on the family until they can navigate this new reality. We, therefore, are **donating all of the profits** from the sales of our Platinum Anniversary - 70th Annual Apple Festival T-shirt and Commemorative Poster to the Fedorchuk Family. We thank you in advance for your support in this fundraiser for the family. T- shirts and Posters will be available for purchase at the beauty pageant and at the information booth on the festival grounds. T-shirts will sell for \$20.00 each.

TOWN OF CHILHOWIE FARMER'S MARKET

During the festival, the Town of Chilhowie's Farmers Market will be held in its regular location and at its regular time on Thursday, September 26th from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm. In the Will Walkers Farmers Market and Community Pavilion.

Festival Market Schedule Thursday - 4 pm -7 pm



ATM ON SITE

For your convenience an ATM will be available in the Old High Gymnasium from 12:00 pm until 5:00 pm daily during the festival.

FOOD COURT

The Apple Festival Committee, because of our limited space, strives to not duplicate food items in the food court and tries to provide a variety of foods for all tastes. Food vendors interested in being placed on the waiting list for future festivals should send an email chilhowieapplefestival@gmail.com and request being placed on the list. Please include your complete postal mailing address and a list of the food items that you sell. When current vendors choose not to return we fill their vacancies with vendors that sell similar food items.

THE FOOD VENDORS THAT WILL HAVE FOOD FOR SELL IN THE 2024 FOOD COURT ARE:

Carl's Kettle Corn Mojos BBQ and Grill Pizza Hut CHS Touchdown Club Packer's Lemonade The Lemon Bean Fork in the Road Shan's Snack Shack VickyMon's Concessions Southern Graces / R and J Polar Express Shaved Ice B and W Food Stand

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CRAFT AND VENDOR BOOTHS

Craft and vendor booth set-up on Thursday, September 26th is by assigned times based on booth location. Booths will be open for sales on Friday, September 27th from 10:00 am until 7:00 pm, on Saturday, September 28th from 9:00 am until 8:00 pm and on Sunday, September 29th from 12:00 pm until 5:00 pm. These booth spaces are approximately 15'x15'. Applications for returning vendors are usually mailed the last week of May with a June 15th deadline. New vendor applications are mailed after June 15th with a July 15th deadline. New vendor spaces are filled on a first come first serve basis upon the receipt date of the completed application. To be added to the new vendor mailing list please send an email to chilhoiweapplefestival@gmail. com requesting to be added to the 2025 new vendor list. Include your complete postal mailing address and a description of what you will be selling in your email.

Non-profit and commercial information booths and demonstration booths are also available. Please follow the procedure listed above. No food or drinks may be sold from the craft, vendor, information, or demonstration booths. Concessions will be available and only those food vendors who have contracts with the Apple Festival Committee may sell food during the festival.

GENERAL RULES

- 1. Crafters/ vendors will be responsible for their own set-up. (Tents, tables, etc.)
- 2. All merchandise shall be of a family oriented nature and shall not be offensive to the public or fellow crafters in any way. No items displaying suggestive connotations or profanity may be sold. The Outside Chairman shall have the discretion to determine what is offensive to the public or fellow crafters. Should there be a dispute, the decision of the Festival Committee shall be conclusive, and not subject to any contest. Offensive merchandise shall be removed from the festival grounds immediately.
- 3. All sales are between crafters/vendors and customers. Crafters / vendors are responsible for taxes due on sales. Tax forms are available from the Virginia Department of Taxation online.
- 4. No food or drinks may be sold from these booths. This includes canned, homemade, or commercial foods and drinks.
- 5. The Chilhowie Apple Festival name or logo shall not be used on any products.
- 6. The Chilhowie Community Apple Festival Committee reserves the right to limit space to anyone and to remove any applicant who does not abide by the Festival Rules. In any case of removal, there shall be no refunds.
- 7. Crafters / vendors may not sublet their spaces.
- 8. Crafters and Vendors will be issued parking passes and are to park in the parking area provided for them. We asked that you be respectful and do not block others in or the entrance/exit to the parking area.

PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW RULE THAT BECAME EFFECTIVE IN 2022

9. Booths must be set up on Thursday afternoon, September 26th during your scheduled set-up time, based on your booth space location. You will receive a letter with your set-up time and an outline of the set-up procedure prior to the festival. Maps of both the booth space location and vendor parking will be included. You are required to unload and move your vehicle from the grounds during your allotted time. We asked that you unload as guickly as possible so that the next group can access their spaces during their allotted time. Once you unload and move your vehicle, it will not be allowed back on the grounds until tear down at 5:00 p. m. on Sunday, September 29th. Any items that you need to bring to or remove from your booth will have to be transported by foot. Security is provided from 7:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. Failure to remove a vehicle promptly from the booth area after unloading or the re-entry of a vehicle in the both area prior to tear down may result in the expulsion of the Vendor from the festival grounds, without any refund and exclusion from future festivals.

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2024 CRAFTERS AND VENDORS

Crafter and Vendor Booths

Booths are located in the portion of Lucas Dowell Memorial Park that is directly in front of the Old Hlgh. Hours of operation are:

Friday, September 27th 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Saturday, September 28th 9:00 am - 8:00 pm Sunday, September 29th 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Adams, Leigh Ann Aline, Backs Arnett, Michelle Bales, Olivia Barton, Stephanie Berry, Tammi Billings, Andriana Blevins, Debra Cain, Jamie Combs, Gracie Copenhaver, Whitney Crain, Pamela Cruey, Hannah Delp, Donna and Viars, Lori Doss. Blake Doss Doss, Chad Eades, Brenda Graham, John Guerra, Eric and Lesley Hall, Kelly Hannock, Christy Havens, Morgan Hibbitts, Pam Hinkle, Robinson, and Gibson Jackson, Brenda Johnson, Joni Jordan, Susan Joyce, Jennifer Keesee, Susan Kemplin, Elizabeth McCammon, Lara McCann, Misty Nelson, Janet Nickels, Darlene Onks, Holly OQuinn, Judy Owens, Barbara Palfrey, Jean Parker, Meghan and Daniel Payne, Mary Phillips, Sarah Projeta, Thomas Reedy, Rebecca Rhea, Heather Rhea, Mary Ann Rhymer, Sandra Roberts, Lacie B. Roberts, Mike

CHS Band Boosters Express It Face and Body Art Mama Shell's Homemade Goods Lou and Company Pink Diamond Warriors Side Kicks Pampered Chef Crochet Items Purses and More Funky Crunch Freeze Dried Sweets and Treats Photos by Whitney Granny's Goodies Casprig Designs Island Girl Vibes Botique **Custom Leather** Rustic Arts Nana B'sSouthern Crafts. LLC Graham's Woodworks Old Morris Farm, LLC The Speckled Peach Assorted Items Delilah and Company **Bleach Threads** Assorted Crafts Booths Nanna's Place Heavenly Heifers Crafts Appalachain Artistry Kitchen Science Lyndsey's Light LBD Customs DIY Spin Art Southern Sparkle Bling Clothing Pallette, LLC Jen's Jewel Box Sunshine Flowers Holly's Wreaths and More D and J Puzzle Lights and More Handpainted items Mollies Kitchen Forever and Always Designs of the Appalachains Willow Oak Designs American Backroad Homestead Woodcrafts by Tom Rainbow Frog Botique Salty Heifers Tumblers Just T-Shirts Uptown Properties, LLC Soap by the LB Whimsy Chidren's Toys Twisted Beads Handmade Jewelry "SELF" Sublimations Holston Hill Horticulture and Crafts Handmade Knives Bows and More by Heather The Appalachain Honey Boutique Smyth County Republican Party Wild West Crafts Walden Wonders JNW Crochet / Doodlebug Designs West Clay Designs Sirac's Treasurers

Booth 60 Booth 36 Booths 7 & 8 Booths 53 & 54 Booths 10 & 11 Trailer Booth 84 Booths 40 & 41 Booths 56 & 57 Booth 61 Booth 20 Booths 76 & 77 Booths 12 & 24 Booths 65 & 66 Booth 58 Booth 38 Booths 18 & 19 Booth 28 Booth 35 Booth 81 & 82 Booth 80 Booth 3 Booth 9 31, 32, & 33 Booth 4 Booth 34 Booth 37 Booth 39 Booth 30 Booth 42 Booths 15 & 16 Booths 62 & 63 Booths 25 & 26 Booth 17 Booths 45 & 46 Booth 55 Booth 43 Booths 49 & 50 Booths 67 & 68 Booth 47 Booth 83 Booth 59 Booth 1 Booth 51 Booth 52 Booth 64 Booth 2 Booth 70 Booth 29 Booth 13 Booth 69 Booths 71 & 72 Booth 73 Booth 14 Booths 78 & 79 Booth 44 Booth 48 Booths 21,22,& 23 Booth 27

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Booths 5 & 6

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Robinson, Melanie

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Stamper, Roger

Stiltner, Jessica

Tolbert, Adam

Tolbert, Chloe

West, Candice

Wilson, Carrie Wise, Melissa

Stanton, Heather

Walden, Mary Ann

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2024 CRAFTERS AND VENDORS BOOTH LOCATIONS

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GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR **ENTERING EXHIBITS**

- · Although every precaution will be taken to protect the entries from damage or loss, the Chilhowie Community Apple Festival will not be held liable in any way for such an event.
- ALL exhibits must be made, canned, baked, or grown by the exhibitor since the 2024 Apple Festival and must be entered in the exhibitor's name. Corn exhibits may be from last year's crop.
- Exhibits can be entered by any daycare or head-start child in Smyth County, any school-aged student of Smyth County Schools, or any resident of Smyth County, Virginia.

CATEGORIES

- Agriculture (AG)
- Art Show (AS)
- Baked Goods (BG)
- Canned Goods (CG)
- Crafts (CR)
- -Flower Show (Design, Exhibition, Horticulture)
- -Photography Show (PS)
- Quilt Show (QS)
- Sewing (SW)

Indoor Exhibit Awards

First (blue), second (red), and third

(white) place ribbons will be awarded in each division. No monetary prizes will be awarded in any division.

Judges' decision is final. Age categories are judged separately. All ribbons will be given at the judges' discretion.

A Best in Show Rosette will be awarded in each division. This award will be presented to the BEST of all Blue Ribbon winners in each division.

The Apple Rosette will be awarded to the entry in each division that best depicts apples.



GENERAL RULES AND SCHEDULE FOR INDOOR EXHIBITS

INDOOR EXHIBIT SCHEDULE

- ◆ Tuesday, September 24, 2024 Indoor exhibits entered through schools within Smyth County Public Schools must be submitted by the end of the school day. Entries submitted through Smyth County Public Schools will be returned to the respective school for return to students on Monday, September 30, 2024.
- Thursday, September 26, 2024 @ Chilhowie Old High School o 4 PM – 7 PM – Registration of all indoor exhibit divisions, except cut flower arrangements
- ◆ Friday, September 27, 2024 @ Chilhowie Old High School o 8 AM – 9 AM – Registration of cut flower arrangement exhibits only (enter at the rear of the building)
 - o 10 AM 12 PM Exhibit judging (doors closed & locked)
 - o 12 PM 5 PM Exhibits open to the public
- ◆ Saturday, September 28, 2024 @ Chilhowie Old High School o 12 PM – 5 PM – Exhibits open to the public (following the parade)
- ◆ Sunday, September 29, 2024 @ Chilhowie Old High School o 12 PM - 4 PM - Exhibits open to the public o 4 PM – 5 PM – Removal of all indoor exhibits. Exhibits may NOT be removed before 4 PM. Any exhibit not picked up by 5 PM will be discarded.

Questions prior to September 26, 2024: Contact by email or text at paige.wright77@gmail.com Text to 276-780-0732





AGRICULTURE (AG)

Age Divisions: Elementary (AG-E) for children through 5th grade Secondary (AG-S) for youth grades 6 – 12 Adult (AG-A) for adult exhibitors

CATEGORIES

- 1. Apples
- 2. Berries
- 3. Decorative (including gourds, Indian corn, sun flower, etc.)
- 4. Eggs
- 5. Fruit (including grapes,

pumpkins, tomatoes, etc.)

- 6. Nuts
- 7. Vegetables (including all garden vegetables)
- 8. Miscellaneous



ART SHOW (AS)

Age Divisions: Primary (AS-P) for children through 1st grade Elementary (AS-E) for children 2nd through 5th grade Secondary (AS-S) for youth grades 6 - 12 Adult (AS-A) for adult exhibitors

CATEGORIES

- 1. Collage
 - A. Computer Art
 - B. Diamond Art
 - C. Newspaper
 - D. Stained Glass
- 2. Drawing
 - A. Chalk / Charcoal
 - B. Crayon
 - C. Cut Paper (including paper flowers)
 - D. Magic Marker
 - E. Paint
 - F. Pen & Ink
 - G. Pencil

- H. Watercolor
- 3. Egg Carton Art 4. Models
 - A. Ceramics & Clay
 - B. Lego
 - C. Paper Mache
 - D. Wooden (including airplane, automo-

tive, ship, etc.)

- 5. Pom-Pom Critters
- 6. Sand & Gravel Art
- 7. Miscellaneous



1. Breads

A. Biscuits

D. Loaves

E. Rolls

B. Breakfast Rolls

C. Cornbread

BAKED GOODS (BG)

Age Divisions: Elementary (BG-E) for children through 5th grade Secondary (BG-S) for youth grades 6 – 12 Adult (BG-A) for adult exhibitors

CATEGORIES

- 2. Cakes
- A. Cakes
- B. Cheesecakes
- C. Cupcakes
- 3. Cookies
- A. Bar
- B. Dropped
- C. Rolled

4. Pies

- A. Dumplings
- B. Pies
- C. Tarts
- 5. Miscella-

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CANNED GOODS (CG)

Age Divisions: Elementary (CG-E) for children through 5th grade Secondary (CG-S) for youth grades 6 - 12 Adult (CG-A) for adult exhibitors All canned goods must be in standard jars, except for ketchup and Jams, Jellies, Preserves, & Butters.

CATEGORIES

- 1. Fruits
- 2. Honey
- 3. Jams, Jellies,
- Preserves, & Butters
- 4. Juices
 - A. Fruits
 - B. Vegetables
- 5. Meats
- 6. Pickles
 - A. Beets
 - B Corn
 - C. Cucumbers
 - D. Dilly Beans
 - E. Eggs

- F. Okra
- 7. Relishes (any vegetables)
- 8. Sauces
 - A. Barbecue
 - B. Chili
 - C. Ketchup
 - D. Tomato
- 9. Vegetables
 - A. Beans
 - (any type of bean)
 - B. Beets
 - C. Carrots
 - D. Corn
 - E. Greens
 - F. Kraut
 - G. Mixed Vegetables
 - H. Peas

- I. Peppers
 - (including hot)
- J. Potato
- K. Soups
- L. Squash
- M. Tomato
- 10. Miscellaneous



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CRAFTS (CR)

Age Divisions: Elementary (CR-E) for children through 5th grade Secondary (CR-S) for youth grades 6 – 12 Adult (CR-A) for adult exhibitors

CATEGORIES

- 1. Ceramics
- 2. Holiday Decorations
- 3. Crochet
- 4. Embroidery
- 5. Jewelry
- 6. Knit

- 7. Metal Work
- 8. Needlework
- 9. Weaving
- 10. Wood
- 11. Yarn
- 12. Miscellaneous





PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW (PS)

Age Divisions: Elementary (PS-E) for children through 5th grade Secondary (PS-S) for youth grades 6 - 12 Adult (PS-A) for adult exhibitors

The Photography Show is open to amateur photographers who live in Smyth County, Virginia. Pictures do not need to be framed or matted.

CATEGORIES

- 1. Animals
- 2. Apples
- 3. Black & White

- 4. Outdoor
- 5. People
- 6. Miscellaneous





QUILTING SHOW (QS)

Age Divisions: Elementary (QS-E) for children through 5th grade Secondary (QS-S) for youth grades 6 – 12 Adult (QS-A) for adult exhibitors

CATEGORIES

- 1. Hand-Quilted
- 2. Machine-Quilted
- 3. Tacked
- 4. Miscellaneous

Quilts that require hanging should be entered on metal hangers or a personal display brought for exhibit presentation.



SEWING (SW)

Age Divisions: Elementary (SW-E) for children through 5th grade Secondary (SW-S) for youth grades 6 – 12 Adult (SW-A) for adult exhibitors

- 1. Afghans
- 2. Bedspreads
- 3. Clothing
- 4. Small Fabric Items
- A. Apron
- **B.** Koozies
- C. Napkins
- D. Pillowcases
- **E. Pot Holders**
- F. Tea Towels
- 5. Miscellaneous



Articles that require hanging should be entered on metal hangers or a personal display brought for exhibit presentation.

FLOWER SHOW - HORTICULTURE

Horticulture Division Rules

- 1. All classes are open to any amateur grower.
- 2. All horticulture entries must have been grown by the exhibitor. Potted plants must be owned for 90 days before the show.
- 3. Containers of clear glass / plastic must be used for cut specimens. Stems of the exhibit must be visible with no foliage below the water line.
- 4. Labeled horticulture specimens will be given preference in judging.
- 5. Container grown plants may be double potted.
- 6. One blue ribbon will be given per class, if merited.
- 7. A specimen is one plant, one bloom, one spike, or one spray.
- Horticulture Division Awards
- 1. Ribbons will be given for 1st place (blue), 2nd place (red), 3rd place (white), and Honorable Mention (yellow) in each class.
- 2. Best in Show will be given for the Best Overall Horticulture exhibit.

SECTION ONE - SPECIMENS

Class 1: Dahlias with foliage - Size A,

over 8 inches, 1 bloom

Class 2 : Dahlias with foliage – Size B,

under 8 in. & over 4 in., 1 bloom

Class 3: Dahlias with foliage - Small,

under 4 in. & over 2 in, 1 bloom

Class 4: Dahlias with foliage – Miniature,

under 2 inches, 1 bloom

Class 5: Roses

Class 6: Gladiolus

Class 7: Sunflowers

Class 8: Marigolds - Size A, up to 2 inches

Class 9 : Marigolds - Size B, over 2 inches

Class 10 : Zinnias - Size A, up to 3 inches

Class 11: Zinnias - Size B, over 3 inches

Class 12 : Celosia

Class 13: Petunias, 3 stems of one variety

Class 14: Pansies, 3 stems of one variety

Class 15: Asters, 3 of any color

Class 16: Cosmos, 1 stalk

Class 17: Any other annual

Class 18: Anemone

Class 19: Chrysanthemums, spray

Class 20 : Any other perennial

Class 21: Holly, 16 to 24 inch branch

Class 22: Any berried branch, 16 to 24

inch

Class 23: Evergreen branch, 16 to 24 inch

SECTION TWO - POTTED PLANTS

Class 1: African violets

Class 2: Begonias, any type

Class 3: Sultanas

Class 4 : Geraniums

Class 5 : Cacti

Class 6: Blooming plants

Class 7 : Foliage plants

Class 8: Herbs

Class 9: Any other potted plants

Class 10: Dish gardens, 2 or more plants



FLOWER SHOW-EXHIBITION ONLY

EXHIBIT WILL NOT BE JUDGED PLANTS WITH A PEDIGREE... HEIRLOOM PLANTS

- All entries must contain only fresh or dried flowers, no artificial flowers.
- Size: No larger than 20-inches wide by 28-inches tall.
- Exhibit includes plants which have been passed down through the generations from family members or friends.
- Please provide an index card telling the story of the heirloom plant.
- If you wish to have a backdrop (must be a science display board), you will need to provide your own for your entry.



"The Jade plant is known as a lucky plant! My grand-mother started this jade plant from a neighbor's dish garden in Florida. It was passed down to my father living in New York, who has passed it down to me (living here in Virginia)! Not only is this plant an Heirloom Jade Plant, but it is also a venturing plant!"



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FLOWER SHOW-DESIGN



APPLE-LACHIAN TRADITIONS... **CUT FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS**

- Registration on Friday.
- All entries must contain only fresh or dried flowers, no artificial flowers.
- Must include apple(s) in the arrangement.
- Size: No larger than 20-inches wide by 28-inches tall.
- If you wish to have a backdrop (must be a science display board), you will need to provide your own for your entry.

NATURE'S OASIS... **TERRARIUMS**

- All entries must contain only fresh or dried flowers, no artificial flowers.
- NO live animals allowed.
- Size: No larger than 20-inches wide by 28-inches tall.
- If you wish to have a backdrop (must be a science display board), you will need to provide your own for your entry.



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FLOWER SHOW-DESIGN CONT'D



ONCE UPON A TIME... CHILDREN'S FAIRY GARDEN

Age Divisions: Elementary for chil-

dren through age 10
Secondary for youth ages 11-18
The Chilhowie Garden Club will be offering a class for those interested in creating a Fairy Garden for entry in the Apple Festival. Planned for a Saturday in early September.

• Size: No smaller than a 6-inch container or larger than a 10-inch container.



SUSPENDED IN TIME... HANGING BASKETS

- All entries must contain only fresh or dried flowers, no artificial flowers.
- Weight Limit: Maximum weight limit of 15 pounds.



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IRON MOUNTAIN TRACTOR AND ENGINE CLUB SHOW

For many years the Iron Mountain Tractor and Engine Club has displayed a variety of vintage tractors and engines at the Chilhowie Commons parking lot on Friday and Saturday of the festival. Some of them are in their natural aged state and others have been painstakingly restored. Many of the tractors participate in the grand parade on Saturday morning. The show is open to the public during the following hours:

Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm



PAWDIRT FARMS CARRIAGE RIDES

Martha Burke of Pawdirt Farms, located in Chilhowie, began offering carriage rides at the festival three years ago. Her carriage is pulled by her eight year old Cysdesdale named Honey. Martha and Honey are available for carriage rides by appointment year round. Fees vary depending on the length of ride and occasion.



CALVARY CHURCH OF SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA

Free children's crafts and games, face painting, and other children's activities are provided by the members of Calvary Church of Southwest Virginia. Their Church is located on Shuler Hollow Road, outside of Chilhowie. They have graciously provided this for the festival visitors as part of their churches service outreach for many years.

The Pastor and the music worship leaders provide "Cowboy Church" at 10:00 am on Sunday morning on the Outdoor Stage at the Old High School. Vendors setting up for the day and the congregation members getting ready for the children's activities, can listen to the sermon and enjoy the music.



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THE APPLE FESTIVAL STORYTIME TRAIN

In 2004 the Apple Festival Committee decided that rather than having an entertainment company bring a train to the festival for people to ride, they would have their own train built. The entertainment vendor that had a children's train that had come to the festival for years was retiring. Of all of his rides, the train was the most popular. It was so popular that even though it was a children's train, adults and teenagers would squeeze into the cars and ride. This led to the idea to build a train with full size cars for everyone to ride.

Mike Martin, who was the festival president at the time, and other committee members recruited Bill Bise to build the train because of his metalworking skills. Six cars were to be constructed. Local businesses were contacted for donations to help pay for the construction costs. In exchange for their donation they would receive advertising on one of the six cars. Red Oak Construction, W and L Paving, Berry's Builders Supply, Carpet Outlet, New Holland Tractor, and Goodman's Jewelers generously donated. Lisa May, a local artist, painted the cars with children's storybook characters that were related to the businesses. Carpet Outlet provided the outdoor carpeting and vinyl seat coverings for the cars. With all six cars, the train was too long and heavy, so the cars were divided into two- three car trains. The committee purchased a used Gator to pull one train. They have relied on the kindness of community members who have loaned them a second ATV each year for use during the festival.

Before the 2023 festival two volunteers replaced the hitches and the door latches which had become worn though almost twenty years of use. The cars also need to be repainted. The committee plans to ask for businesses to cover the costs of the repainting with donations in exchange for advertising on the cars again before the 2025 Festival. The investors in the original construction received twenty years worth of advertising for their donations, hopefully this group will as well.

The trains run:

from 10.00 am until 7:00 pm on Friday, September 27th

from 11:30 am until dark on Saturday, September 28th

from 12:00 pm until 5:00 pm on Sunday, September 29th

Tickets are \$1.00

Tickets may be purchased in the tent at the train loading area in front of the Old High School.

No food or drinks are permitted on the train.

Train Selfie Photo Op available.

Train ride distance is over 1 mile.





THE FUN FACTORY

The Fun Factory, owned by Mike Guffey of Bristol, provides inflatables and a bungee jump for festival

goers. This is his third year joining the festival activities and we are happy to welcome him back. His amusements are open all three days of the festival.

Fun Factory Prices Bungee \$10 Inflatables \$2

Fun Factory Hours Friday - 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Saturday - 11:30 am - Dark Sunday - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm



CHILHOWIE HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

For many decades, the Chilhowie Middle and High School choirs, now under the dedicated direction of Nathan Jones, have proudly participated in the Chilhowie Apple Festival. We are especially honored to be a part of the festival's 70th anniversary, celebrating a long-standing tradition of togetherness and community spirit. Across many generations over the years, our singers have graced the festival stage, and each time, we relish the opportunity to fill the air with melodies that reflect our collective pride and joy for our community, its traditions, and celebration of the arts.

The 2024 performance is at 1:00 pm. on Friday, September 27th on the outdoor stage at the Old High School...



TUMBLING CREEK CIDER COMPANY APPLE ORCHARD TOURS

We are pleased to be able to offer free tours of the Tumbling Creek Cider Company Apple Orchards again this year. Included in their orchards are many grafts of the original Bonham Brothers Orchard trees and other older varieties of Virginia apples. Tours of the cider processing facility, tasting room, and retail space are also available on site.

Tour groups will consist of no more than twelve individuals and will leave from the corner of Chilhowie Street and Chestnut Avenue at the food court. Please meet at the information booth in the Food Court at the following times to leave for the tour:

2:00 pm on Friday, September 27 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm on Saturday 28 2:00 pm and Sunday, September 29.

On Saturday night, September 28th, "Phantom" will be performing in the Will Walkers Farmers Market and Community Pavilion from 6:00pm -8:00pm. During the concert, from 5:00pm. until 9:00pm, in the area adjacent to the Market and Pavilion, Tumbling Company will have a Cider Tasting. You must be 21 to participate. I.D.s required.



2024 GRAND PARADE

The parade will begin at 10:00 am on Saturday, September 28, 2024 at the west end of Chilhowie on Highway 11.

All participants in the parade must begin lining up at 8:00 am and be lined up in the designated staging areas by 9:00 am.

The parade will travel on Highway 11 through town to Chilhowie High School where it will disperse.

FLOATS

Floats will be judged before the parade promptly at 9:00 am.

All area businesses, civic groups, schools, and churches are encouraged to enter floats in the parade observing the festival and parade theme.

"Celebrating Our Platinum Anniversary, 70 Years of Apple-Lachian Traditions"

The floats will be judged in four categories:

1) Commercial 2) Youth 3) Civic 4) Religious

First, second, and third place ribbons will be awarded in each of the four categories. Ribbons will be placed on both sides of the float to be displayed as the floats travel the parade route.

Monetary prizes will be awarded in each category as follows:

1st place - \$100, 2nd place - \$75, and 3rd place - \$50.

Floats will be judged in the following areas:

- Depiction of Theme 25 points
- Originality and Creativity 25 points
- Color Coordination 10 points
- Complexity of Design 10 points
- General Appearance 10 points
- Workmanship 10 points
- · Balance 10 points

Float winners will be announced prior to the crowning of the festival queen in the Chilhowie High School Stadium before the beginning of the band competition.

Rules for all parade participants:

- 1) No fruit, candy, or other articles may be thrown from vehicles or floats or by marchers. Participants are to arrange for representatives to walk beside their units and hand items directly to spectators.
- 2) No horns or sirens may be blown.
- 3) No mini-bikes, three wheelers or four wheelers will be permitted in the parade.
- 4) Any marching or twirling groups with younger children must have a follow-up vehicle in which the children may ride if they become too tired to continue.
- 5) A current negative Coggins Test is required for each horse in the Parade and test papers will be checked before the parade begins. Per Health Department Regulations.

All Parade participants are asked to use I-81 Exit 32 or 39. Please do not use I-81 Exit 35. Further Information may be obtained by emailing chilhowieapplefestival@gmail.com.



APPLE FESTIVAL PARADE BANDS

In 1953, a group of young men got together to discuss the possibilities of improving their town. It was from that gathering that the annual Chilhowie Community Apple Festival was born. Today, now 69 years later, this community festival lives on.. Berry Home Centers is proud to continue to be a part of this year's Chilhowie Community Apple Festival tradition. As part of the 2018 festivities, Berry's donated \$5,000 by contributing \$500 to each high school marching band that participated in the festival's parade. They are following the same practice this year with one exception. Due to the price of fuel and inflation each band will receive \$1000 for participating in the parade. Please join us as we celebrate the town we call home and the 70th year of the Chilhowie Community Apple Festival. Band parade participation is coordinated by the Chilhowie High School Band Director and the Apple Festival Outside Chairperson.

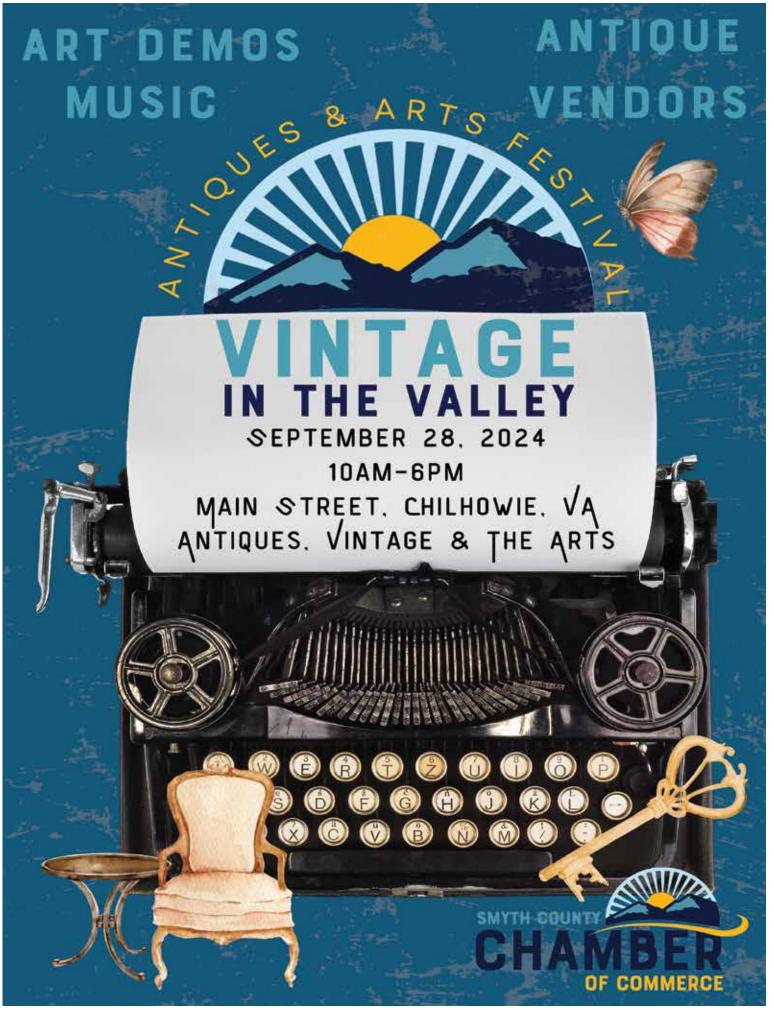
APPLE FESTIVAL BAND COMPETITION 12:00 PM SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

The high school marching band competition is held each year as part of the festival. Many of the bands also march in the Grand Parade before competing with each other at the Chilhowie High School Stadium. This is the oldest continuous band festival in Virginia or Tennessee. This year marks the 71th year of the band festival.

Admission to the band competition at the stadium is \$7.00 per person. No passes of any kind are accepted since this is not a Virginia High School League event. The admission fee goes to the Chilhowie Band Boosters to help with the purchase of uniforms and other band related expenses.

The Chilhowie Band Boosters, Chilhowie High School, and Emory and Henry University sponsor this event.





SIMPLICITY DANCE TEAM

Simplicity Dance Team, from Chilhowie Virginia! The group originated ten years ago under the direction of Kimberly Lane. The group consists of dancers age 2-Adult from all over Southwest Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee. Simplicity performs throughout the east coast sharing their love and passion for Dance. Simplicity's most recent accomplishments include performing at the Charlotte Hornets NBA Game, Atlanta Hawks NBA Game and Carowinds Theme Park. They recently performed alongside Characterists ago under the direction of the property of the property of the group or the property of the group or the group of the property of the group of the g



70 YEARS

pel Hart from America's Got Talent. The Simplicity Dance Team is so excited to be a part of Tunes and Tales this fall and winter!

The Simplicity Dance Team will perform at 12:30 on Saturday, September 28th following the parade on the outdoor stage at the Old High School. They have been performing annually at the festival for 10 years.

CHILHOWIE HIGH SCHOOL FFA PETTING ZOO

The Chilhowie High School Future Farmers of America have been coordinating a Petting Zoo as part of the festival's children and youth activities for several years. This year is no exception. They will have an assortment of barnyard animals available for young ones to pet on Saturday, September 28th at the Old High School from 11:30 am until dark.

Petting Zoo Fees Petting - Free 1 Cup of Feed - \$1



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MUSICAL GUEST - PHANTOM

Phantom has been performing so long that they perform covers of songs they covered 30, 40 or even 50 years ago.

Thirty-four years ago they reunited in 1990, Phantom continues to bring high-energy cover music that beckons fans to their feet—even though some of those fans may need the assistance of a cane these days according to singer Mike Rush.

Rush said, "You would think that by the time guys hit their 60s, they would be ready to give it up," but Phantom just keeps going and going sort of like an energizer bunny. Rocking out with music from the 1960s forward, Phantom has long been a favorite among festival



and concert goers in the area. Those gigs have also been the band's favorites to perform. "Just to be in the area with a bunch of people celebrating at a festival ...it's always a good time. It's a community gathering, people having a good time, lots of food and festivities and families—just an air of excitement." according to drummer Todd Reynolds.

Phantom takes the stage at the Will Walker Farmers Market and Community Pavilion at 6:00 pm on Saturday, September 28th, 2024. This is part of the Town of Chilhowie's "Concerts in the Park" concert series. Admission is free. Bring your own chair or sit in the bleachers provided.

CRUISE-IN

In 2017, a cruise-in was held on Main Street as a new event of the festival. It was so successful that it has been added as a permanent event. In 2022 the location changed from Main Street to the paved area behind the former New Peoples Bank.

The 2024 Apple Festival Cruise-In will be held on Saturday, September 28th from 3:00 pm until dark.

Music by a local not-for-profit DJ will provide a festive atmosphere for the Cruise-In. Dan Joe DJ Music for the Community will be on hand for the event beginning at 3:00 p.m. Dan Joe DJ Music was founded by Dan Kegley and Joe Rogers in 2018 when they saw an opportunity to benefit the community by DJing as an in kind donation for charitable groups fundraisers and playing private events in exchange for the hosts pledge to donate to a worthy cause of their choice. Private hosts often choose to make donations to the Smyth County Humane Society and St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Sadly Joe Rogers passed away in January of last year. Joe was well known in the community having been a drummer and upright bass player for decades with several local groups.

Dan and his wife Sara are continuing what Dan and Joe began. They say that it is an honor and a privilege to support the Apple Festival that in turn contributes so much to the community, usually behind the scenes. So, come on out, admire some classic vehicles and the care their owners give them, and dance a step or two to classic rock, beach, country, or bluegrass. It is anyone's guess what you may hear next.

GOSPEL MUSIC

The following groups will take turns performing between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 29th 2024 at the Will Walker's Farmers Market and Community Pavilion.

JACOB REYNOLDS + HIS IMAGE + VALLEY GRASS + ALL4HIM

Bring your own chairs or sit in the bleachers provided. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the music in the open air venue. If the spirit moves you join in and sing, clap, or tap your toes, "Music is the universal language of mankind." (Henry Wadsworth Longfellow). Let it speak to you and through you.



PET SHOW-FUN SHOW

The 2024 Apple Festival pet show is sponsored by Smyth Animal Rescue. Founded in 2019, Smyth Animal Rescue strives to lower the euthanasia rates in Smyth County. The rescue works closely with Smyth County Animal Shelter and works to place animals into adoptive homes or to transfer them to partner rescues in other parts of the state. To date, the rescue has helped nearly 4000 animals.

The Pet Show/Fun Show will be held at 2:00 pm on Sunday, September 29th on the Little League Field. Registration will be from 12:30 to 1:45 pm.

Dogs will be divided according to their size-large, medium, and small. Puppies and kittens will be judged in two categories. All other pets will be judged according to their species.

At the judges' discretion, first-, second-, and third-place ribbons will be awarded in each class. The "Best in Show" award will be presented to one pet selected from all of the first-place ribbon winners in the cat and dog divisions. The fun show will follow with adults and children judged separately.

Judging Criteria:

General Health Fur, feather, and/ or skin appearance Personality (friendliness) General Appearance Cleanliness

Pet Show Classes:

Puppy up to 6 months Puppy 6 months to 1 year Small Dog Medium Dog Large Dog

Kitten up to 6 months Kitten 6 months to 1 year

Other - mammals (Rabbit, ferret, rat, etc)

Other - birds (Chicken, duck, parrot. etc)

Other - reptiles

Fun Division: (Adults and Children will be judged separately.)

Pet/Owner Look-a-like

Best Costume Most Obedient

Best Trick

Overall awards will be given out for

the following categories:

Most Spots

Shortest/Longest Ears Shortest/Longest Tail

Shortest/Tallest Pet Saddest/Happiest Pet

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1. All animals must be healthy and not aggressive. Any animal deemed to be aggressive or otherwise dangerous to other animals and/or humans by the pet show officials will be asked to leave the premises.
- 2. All cats and dogs are required to have a current rabies vaccination from a licensed Veterinarian
- 3. All animals must be on a leash or halter or in a suitable container. (Can be unleashed only during obedience/ pet trick categories when given the signal by pet show officials.)
- 4. All animals must be treated humanely.
- 5. Any animal that is deemed "wildlife" cannot be exhibited in this pet show.

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2024 CHILHOWIE COMMUNITY APPLE FESTIVAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

CARLIDDAY CEDERICS	Beauty Pageant Practice (CHS
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2	21, 2024 Baby Miss, Wee Miss, and Tiny Miss Pageants (CHS
	Little Miss, Petite Miss, and Young Miss Pageants (CHS
	Pre-teen Miss, Jr. Miss, and Miss Apple Festival Pageants (CHS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2	
	Farmer's Market (WWFMCP
	Entering of All Exhibits except Cut Flowers (OHS
	Pre-registration for \$1000 Apple Pie Contest (OHS
	Crafter/Commercial/Food Booth Set-up (LDMF
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27,	2024
	Iron Mountain Antique Tractor and Engine Club Show (CCSF
8:00am-9:00am	Entering of Cut Flowers Only (OHS
	Farmer's Market (WWFMCF
	Craft/Commercial/Food Booths Open (LDMP
	Pawdirt Farms Carriage Rides (OHS
	Children's Crafts, Amusements, and Train Rides (OHS
	Exhibits Open (OHS
	Performance by the CHS Chorus (OHSOS
	Apple Orchard Tour meet at the Information Booth (LDMF
	nilhowie High School Football Game vs Northwood High School (CHS
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER	qEntering of Apple Pies in the \$1000 Apple Pie Contest (WWFMCF
	Iron Mountain Antique Tractor and Engine Club Show (CCSF
	Farmer's Market (WWFMCF
•	Vintage in the Valley (MS
	GRAND PARADE (Hwy 11
11:30am-dark	Petting Zoo, Children's Crafts, Amusements, and Train Rides (OHS
11:30pm	Float Winners Announced (CHS
	2024 Miss CHilhowie Apple Festival Queen's Crowning (CHS
	Judging of \$1000 Apple Pie Contest (WWFMCF
	Exhibits Open (OHS
	Pawdirt Farms Carriage Rides(OHS
	Opening Ceremony for the High School Band Competition (CHS
	Simplicity Dance Performance (OHSOS1st Annual Hunter Reedy Memorial Bull Riding (LLF
	Apple Orchard Tour meet at the Information Booth (LDMF
	Cruise-In (BNPE
	Apple Orchard Tour meet at the Information Booth (LDMF
•	Tumbling Creek Cider Co.Tasting Garden (WWFMCF
	Phantom Concert (WWFMCF
	1st Annual Hunter Reedy Memorial Bull Riding (LLF
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29	2024
10:00am	Cowboy Church (OHSOS
	Exhibits Open(OHS
	Pet Show Registration (LLF
	Craft/Commercial/Food Booths Open (LDMF
	Children's Crafts, Amusements, and Train Rides (OHS
	Pawdirt Farms Carriage Rides (OHS
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