

## 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.





Deputy Hunter Dakota Reedy began his law enforcement career in June of 2017 at the age of 21 with the Chilhowie Police Department. In December of 2021, Deputy Reedy joined the Smyth County Virginia Sheriff's Office. Deputy Reedy always strived to better himself in his career, building a catalog of specialized training. At the beginning of 2023, Deputy Reedy truly hit his stride when he became involved in community policing. He was a real-life teddy bear to the kids involved in the local apartment complex. Deputy Reedy poured his heart and soul into this project, filling roles from manning the bounce house to being the quarterback of the touch football games.

On August 9, 2024, 28-year-old Deputy Hunter Dakota Reedy tragically and senselessly lost his life in the line of duty while serving the citizens of Smyth County, Virginia. After assisting a local police department with a traffic stop, the driver became agitated and fatally shot and killed Deputy Reedy as he approached the driver. During the ensuing exchange of gunfire, the driver and a second deputy were shot.

Deputy Reedy was an exceptional deputy, full of grit. While he never backed down from any situation that needed attention, Deputy Reedy also had a soft spot for the children he served in the community. Whether it was dancing in the street on prom night or passing a football with the kids in an apartment complex, he always took the time to be a true example of not only a great deputy, but also a remarkable person. Deputy Reedy took his appointment as a deputy to heart, always striving to do the right thing morally and legally. Deputy Reedy was a true country boy at heart. He never faltered in taking care of the coworkers around him, from advice to a helping hand when needed.

When it came to his family, Hunter exceeded his role as a husband and a father. He married the love of his life, Bettina, in 2020. Hunter always said the boys got him and that he fell in love with them first. Brantley and Kaden were blessed with Hunter as a father, and he was immeasurably proud to officially adopt his boys. In 2022, Hunter and Bettina welcomed their sweet daughter, Kaede Belle. No matter who he talked to, he or she always left knowing and feeling the love Hunter couldn't help but show for his wife and three children. His children knew what it meant to work hard, but they also knew dad would always be there for every football game, camping trip, fishing excursion, or dirt track race. It was no secret to anyone in Hunter's life that his family came first. Deputy Reedy was a selfless being and as such made the ultimate sacrifice.



On August 9, 2024, Smyth County Virginia Deputy Michael Fedorchuk endured an unimaginable hardship after assisting a local police department with a traffic stop. The driver of the vehicle in that traffic stop fatally shot and killed his partner, Deputy Hunter Reedy, and the ensuing exchange of gunfire left Deputy Fedorchuk with a gunshot wound to the shoulder. Deputy Fedorchuk underwent a successful surgery that same night and, most thankfully, will make a full recovery.

Deputy Fedorchuk is a selfless being with a pure heart. Deputy Fedorchuk consistently demonstrates exemplary work through his unwavering commitment to community safety and his integrity in every situation. His keen attention to detail and strong problem solving skills enables Deputy Fedorchuk to effectively resolve conflicts and build trust with citizens. Community members recognize Deputy Fedorchuk and his blood hound Copper as reliable figures, always acting with honesty and professionalism in the line of duty. He always goes above and beyond in the performance of his duties. Whether it be taking upon numerous overtime shifts or deploying his K9 partner Copper, Deputy Fedorchuk never hesitates to step up and be a benefit to those in need.

While Deputy Fedorchuk is a fine law enforcement officer, it comes second to being a devoted husband to Grace and a father of two beautiful daughters, Penelope and Palmer. When Deputy Fedorchuk manages to find a day off, you will find him making memories with his beautiful family. Deputy Fedorchuk shares a love of law enforcement with his brother Robert who is a Virginia State Trooper, and Deputy Fedorchuk is an incomparable uncle. There is no denying the commitment Deputy Fedorchuk has to his family.



