

**For Immediate Release**  
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**Jackson County Hunting Heroes  
Announces WV Downtown BBQ Throwdown in Ripley, WV**

**Ripley, WV: For Immediate Release** *"It's Open Season on Meat"* has been announced as the theme for the inaugural WV Downtown BBQ Throwdown on October 15-16, 2021, in Ripley, WV. The barbecue festival, hosted by the Jackson County Hunting Heroes, will feature the WV State BBQ Championships sanctioned by the Kansas City BBQ Society for pro cooks and backyard BBQ teams, as well as music, vendors, and family activities, including a public BBQ tasting.

"The WV Downtown BBQ Throwdown promises fall festival fun for everyone. We hope BBQ cooks, military families, and the public will join us in October for this inaugural event," said Frank Miller, who is helping to organize the event on behalf of the Jackson County Hunting Heroes. "We are currently inviting BBQ teams, sponsors, and vendors to sign up on our website to participate in the event. In addition to the professional and backyard BBQ cook-off, arts, and crafts, we will be hosting a BBQ tasting that will raise money for our programs that support veterans and military families. We are also expecting attendees who are veterans, or currently serving by offering complimentary tasting tickets."

Sponsored by the Jackson County Hunting Heroes, all proceeds from the event will be donated to support their programs honoring veterans and their families. Discounted advanced tickets and BBQ cook team registration are available at [www.wvbbqthrowdown.com](http://www.wvbbqthrowdown.com) or at several local distribution points. Festival BBQ tasting tickets are \$10 per person in advance or \$15 at the gate. Children ages 12 and under are admitted free with an adult. The event is also seeking volunteers and KCBS certified BBQ judges.

The WV Downtown BBQ Throwdown offers more than just BBQ braggin' rights, as the prize pot is over \$7500 for this WV State BBQ Championship competition in the pro and backyard categories. All proceeds from the public BBQ Throwdown Tasting from 2pm to 4pm on Saturday, will benefit the programs of the Jackson County Hunting Heroes, who work to improve the quality of life for US Veterans and their families through education, fellowship, and building on tradition by providing recreational opportunities during their recovery and rehabilitation to promote healing and personal esteem.

For more details and contest rules for the KCBS BBQ Cookoff, tasting event or general festival information, visit our website and follow the festival on Facebook.

**MEDIA INFORMATION:** Media interested in attending can receive a press passes on request. For additional information, images, or interview requests, contact Andrea Ball, festival planner at 301.335.2715 (call/text) or [andrea@planitworld.com](mailto:andrea@planitworld.com).

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