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2021 WV Downtown Barbecue Throwdown rescheduled due to COVID to April 22-23

Ripley, WV: For Immediate Release The 2021 WV Downtown Barbecue Throwdown, originally planned for October 15-16 has been rescheduled due to an increase in COVID in the area. The West Virginia KCBS state barbecue championship festival has been rescheduled for April 22-23, 2022.

Festival planner Andrea Ball says the decision was made after much consultation with local officials and sponsors. The announcement comes as concerns mount over increasing COVID-19 case and the delta variant across the state.

"Based on current trends, the Jackson County Hunting Heroes feel that waiting until spring to invite barbecue teams across the mid-Atlantic and spectators the region to Ripley is in the best interest of the local community," Ball continued.

The WV Downtown BBQ Throwdown offers BBQ braggin' rights, prizes of more than \$7500, and the WV State BBQ Championship in the pro and backyard categories. All proceeds from the event 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.

The Jackson County Hunting Heroes -WV are very grateful to those who continue to commit their support to the Festival in these difficult times. Sponsors and contributors include, Disabled American Veterans, VFW 3522, McDonalds of Fairplain, McDonalds of Ravenswood, Star Plastics, Waybright's Funeral Home, Tudors Biscuit World, Geno's Pizza, VFW 1212, City National Bank, BBU Graphics, Matheny ACS, Casto Funeral Homes, Constellium, State Farm Agents, Davis Realty, Steve Westfall, First Federal, Johnson Insurance Co, ABS Electric, Jackson County Commission, Mak a Mia Pizza, City of Ripley, City National Bank.

All purchased tickets will be honored at the April 22-23 festival. For more details and contest rules for the KCBS BBQ Cookoff, tasting event or general festival information, visit our website at WV BBQ Throwdown 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.

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