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For Immediate Release: The Mesilla Valley Onion Festival

Mesilla, New Mexico, Saturday, April 24 & Sunday, April 25, 2010.

Want to experience one of the best crops the Mesilla Valley has to offer? Step into Las Cruces' backyard this spring and discover how local restaurants showcase the many varieties of this versatile vegetable.

Doña Ana Community College and The New Mexico Hospitality and Tourism Education Foundation will be presenting the Mesilla Valley Onion Festival at the Mercado de Mesilla area near Preston Art Gallery on April 24 & 25, 2010. Dedicated to the cultivation and promotion of Mesilla Valley's onions, farmers, and "homegrown" businesses, the Mesilla Valley Onion Festival will be a signature event kicking off this year's onion growing season.

With an estimated attendance of 5,000 residents and visitors, our goal is to promote and establish a new community based event while contributing to the area's economic development. Festivities that begin on Saturday will showcase Doña Ana Community College culinary students, as well as amateur cooks from the general public, displaying their delicious onion creations. An Early Onion Rally Walk, exercise sessions, and kickboxing demonstrations will also take place. Sunday's events will include professional cooking demonstrations from restaurants in the surrounding area, an art auction, and much more. Weekend long events will include educational presentations and demonstrations on the attributes of onions by the educators of The New Mexico Museum of Space History and Space Academy.

Fun for the whole family – we look forward to seeing you in Mesilla, New Mexico!!!

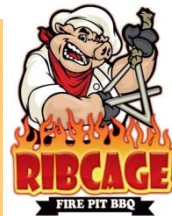
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