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### **JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT**

#### **Triple Play BBQ Restaurant & Historic Don & Dona's** *"Hand-Crafted American Small Batch"*

**Downtown Franklin, Indiana:** Fred Paris began the planning of a major transformation improvement at 176 West Jefferson Street in his hometown in 2014, with a goal to attract a great tenant. He did just that. Owners Mike and Jenni Baker, Shale Creek Brewing Co., signed onto open a brewery in 2015. A perfect addition to the West side of Jefferson Street to expand the ever growing downtown area of Franklin.

To accommodate the culinary side of Shale Creek, Fred Paris and his investors developed and launched Triple Play BBQ as a temporary establishment to serve the lunch and dinner needs to compliment the local brew of Shale Creek Brewing. The time has come that Shale Creek Brewing has established themselves as a staple of Franklin, and are now preparing to open their own kitchen this Spring, 2018.

Kathy Barnaby and Chris Nix, owner operators of Historic Don & Dona's Restaurant for over 13 years, approached Fred Paris with the concept of returning Don & Dona's to downtown Franklin. Don & Dona's has a tremendous history in Franklin so he graciously accepted. Welcoming a new tenant will allow Fred to return to other real estate projects and work on a new project.

In addition to Don & Dona's, Hoosier Heritage Craft from Nineveh, Indiana, owned and operated by Todd and Jacqueline Hayes, will open it's second retail location featuring unique one of a kind items to compliment Don & Dona's Restaurant and Shale Creek Brewing.

Triple Play BBQ will close today, and Kathy and her team will take time to make some needed changes in the operation before reopening on a full scale. The new team will ensure that Shale Creek is provided with food during their open hours. Kathy and Fred want to ensure existing clients that all booked events for 2018 will be carried through as agreed. In the interim of changes, Don & Dona's highly sought after biscuits and gravy will be available for carry-out and delivery on weekends, and Hoosier Heritage Craft retail items will be available on weekends until a full rebranding is complete by the new tenants.