

P R E S S R E L E A S E

2009 BLOCK PARTY & PANA DAYS

The 2009 version of the Annual Downtown Pana Block Party will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2009 from 5:30 pm until 10:00 pm. H & H Amusements will be set up on Third Street from Locust to Chestnut and Arm Band specials will run from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The evening will also feature Brian Garrison as he will entertain on Stage from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The event will be held on Locust Street between 2nd and 3rd Streets and it is suggested that kids of all ages bring your lawn chairs for a great fun evening.

Pana Days will begin at 5:00 p.m. Friday May 15, 2009 as the expo will open with crafts, games, flea market, displays, demos and good eats. Booth Space is still available and those interested can contact the Pana Chamber at 562-4240. The "Free Family" Stage Friday Evening will feature the "Big Shake Daddy's" Band at 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. as presented by First National Bank of Pana. H & H Amusements will feature Arm Band specials that will run from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Pana Days will continue Saturday Morning May 16, 2009, with Sausage Gravy Biscuit Breakfast from 6:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Masonic Temple, on Locust Street downstairs in the serving hall. Sign up for the 3 on 3 Basket Ball Tournament with begin at 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. at the St. Patricks School. All of the Expo Booths with Crafts, Displays, Demo, Flea Market and Food will open at 9:00 a.m.

Then the Baby, Little Miss and Mr. Contests will follow. Babies will assemble at the Main State, to be located on the corner of Third and Locust Streets at 8:45 a.m. and the Contest will begin at 9:00 a.m. Little Miss Contestants will assemble at the main stage, at 9:45 a.m. and the contest will begin at approximately 10:00 a.m. Little Mr. Contestants will assemble at the main stage at 10:45 a.m. and the contest will begin at approximately 11:00 a.m.

The kids will compete for the title of "2009 Baby, Little Miss or Mr. Chili Pepper", a Plaque and a Pana Chamber Gift Certificate for \$100.00; "2009 Baby, Little Miss or Mr. Chili Pepper Runner-up", plaque and Pana Chamber Gift Certificate for \$50.00; and the "Pepper Personality Award", plaque and a Pana Chamber Gift Certificate for \$25.00.

Single Entry forms for the 2009 Little Baby Chili Pepper, Little Miss, and Mr. Chili Pepper Contest are now available at the Pana McDonalds, Prairie Rose Health Care, Pana News and Pana Qik N Ez. Little girls and boys from 3 to 6 years of age are invited to enter the 2009 Pana Days Baby, Little Miss Chili Pepper and Little Mr. Chili Pepper Contests. The entry fee will be \$5.00 payable to the Pana Chamber of Commerce.

All entries will be due in to Pana McDonalds; Pana Qik N Ez Attn: Heather Hoffman; Prairie Rose Health Care, Attn: Carol Candy Carroll or the Pana Chamber of Commerce Office, Pana City Hall, Pana, Illinois 62557 by no later than 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, 2007.

Free pony rides as Presented by Peoples Bank will begin at 11:00 a.m. in front of Peoples Bank. The Pana Lions Club will begin serving Butterfly Pork Chops at 11:00

a.m. till 2:00 p.m. At 11:30 a.m. the kids can sign up for the First National Bank Kiddie Tractor Pull in front of Holthaus Appliance and the pulling will begin at 12:30 p.m.

Free Chili Samples, while they last, will be available in the Cook-off area with Salsa at 12:05 p.m., Chili Verde Samples at 1:35 p.m. and Red Chili Samples at 3:05 p.m. The winners will be announced at approximately 4:30 p.m. on Stage.

Free Stage entertainment will begin at 12:30 with the Bland Brothers and the First United Pentecostal Choir. 2:00 p.m. will feature Joe Wheat Country Music, followed by Brian Garrison at 3:00 p.m. Randall Green will take the stage at 4:00 p.m. and the "Pearl Blind Band" at 5:00 p.m. Saturday evening will feature the "Wokken Stix Band" with Mike Hammond at 6:00 p.m. followed by Curtis Stanberry and the "Nothin Held Back Band" to 9:00 p.m. H & H Amusements will feature Arm Band specials that will run from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. At 10:00 p.m. the 2009 Pana Days will come to an end. Those that would like to assist the Pana Chamber Clean up Crew can assemble at the main stage area at approximately 9:30 p.m.